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More hookah hoopla

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

If you have noticed the new red buckets sitting around on campus or heard your friends talking about them, you have probably realized that hookah smoking is now permitted at the College. This change went about last year when Blaine McFeeley '08 and Sara Efronson '07 wrote a letter about the issues that students have with the banning of hookahs. The letter was approved as an official view and letter from the student council on behalf of the stu-

dent body, and submitted to the administration.

A meeting was then set up between Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, Aaron Bova, Director of Residential Services, and Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety. Through this meeting it was agreed to repeal the ban. Only in situations where it is proven that an illegal drug is being used in the hookah, will the hookah be confiscated.

Many students responded indifferently when asked their opinion on the repeal of this ban because they feel

it does not affect them. McFeeley, however, points out that this ban affects every student at the College. He explains that "if the administration bans items such as hookahs, which have a perfectly legitimate, legal use, then it is possible they will feel that they can ban other items, which the students have a right to have and use on campus."

McFeeley wrote the letter not because he smokes using a hookah, but because he believes that it is the right of students to participate in an activity that is legal everywhere else in the country. He believes that it is not only important, but our responsibility to stand up for student rights and to make sure that the school does not slowly chip away at those rights without ever consulting the Student Body.

Jane Schubert, Assistant Dean of Students, reinforced the comment that students do make a difference in determining the College's policies for the following year. She explained that the reason the ban was reviewed and reconsidered was because of the response from students during the Fall '06 semester.

Schubert also stressed that although hookah smoking is now allowed, it is extremely important to abide by the policies found in the Student Handbook which states that the ashes must be disposed in the red cans marked "charcoal and tobacco ashes only". She

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

As students arrived back to school last week and said goodbye to their home-cooked meals the College's dining services had some pleasant surprises waiting. Both the Garden Room and General's Quarters have new food selections and ideas on making the College's dining experience pleasant and worry-free.

A few of the changes that can be found in the Garden Room include a Vegetarian Station, local farm fresh options, and a 21-day non-repeating menu that will include more guest chefs. In the General's Quarters you will find more kosher and organic options, Haagen Dazs Ice Cream treats, and an expanded option of condiments and toppings.

You may be asking yourself where these new ideas came from. According to Ron Beigel, General Manager of Dining, "There are many factors in the decision making process. Observations of what is selling and what is not, what is hot in the market place, and what is noticeably missing from our program."

While statistics such as national and regional dining trends for college aged students are taken into account when making decisions like this the biggest driving force behind all of the new changes are the students of this College. "Everything from the increased selection of kosher offerings and the new ice cream selection in GQ were a result of student requests and comments," said Beigel.

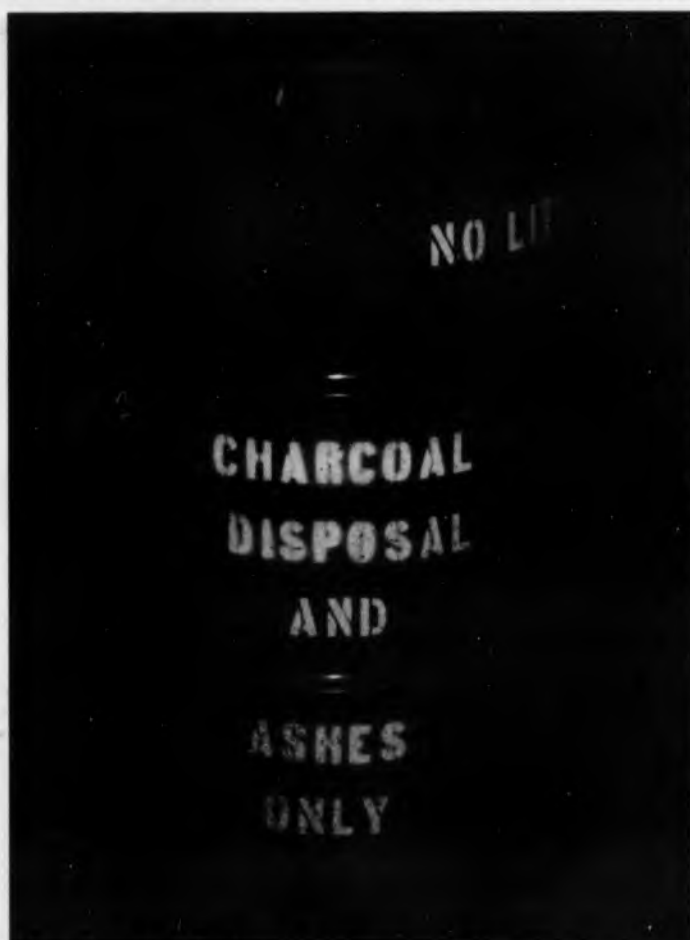
Expanding food choices in Seegers

When asked what he is most looking forward to with all of the new changes Beigel said, "A positive first impression is what I am looking forward to initially. The décor gave everyone the same first impression: lunch lady land."

Another feature that students should be pleased with is that there will be more live cooking in the Garden Room, which will allow everyone to see how fresh the food really is and hopefully defeat any rumors being started about the food you're putting onto your plate. "It's not that the food wasn't fresh before, but it was a mystery because it was cooked behind the scenes and put on a cafeteria line. Now it looks more like a catered event," says Beigel.

It is not only opinions on food that have been taken into consideration. The newly advertised eco-friendly cleaning and dishwashing products are a sign of students' environmental concerns being addressed by the campus. Plus, with the addition of nutritional information signage for the food being served, it will be easier for students to be health conscious and make attempts to have a well-balanced meal.

If you haven't had a chance to check out all of these great new features head on over and check it out! And, if you don't want to see any "slop, sloppy joes" end up on the menu, keep posting the napkins on the napkin board. The dining staff is highly responsive to them and loves the feedback. Dining Services can now be contacted through Facebook.com.



The ashes for the Hookah are placed in these recepticals, shown here, which are loacted around campus.

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A more meaningful summer, but at what price?

Welcome to another year at the 'Berg: Day One. It's your first class of the semester and even though you know everyone in it, it's time once again for the "lets-get-to-know-everyone-because-we're-the-caring-college" introductions. Or the lets-see-whose-summer-sucked-the-most-because-they-didn't-have-an-internship.

Some students spent their summers waitressing, lifeguarding or babysitting. A few lucky ones were offered a job or even a paid internship at businesses like Price Waterhouse Coopers or other well-to-do financial firms that actually rewarded their interns with not only a fulfilling intellectual experience, but a stipend as well. And then there were those who, like some others, had to pay for their fulfilling summer experience, but did not earn a paycheck in return. These students fell prey to the College's strict regulations; like most colleges, Muhlenberg requires that students pay a fee to receive one credit for an internship taken outside the academic year.

As we understand it, the College is supposed to provide us with the opportunity to apply what they have taught us in the classroom to the real world. This shouldn't be limited to our time after graduation. With this \$1,500 fee in place, however, most students are severely restricted in the application of their acquired intellect. Ideally, students should have the freedom to use their skills during a time when intellectual stimuli is most lacking, and when time is abundant. Unfortunately, most cannot afford to pay such a high price to accomplish this task.

While we realize that this opportunity does cost the College, we wonder if it has to be so much. We'd like to think that the school is not trying to profit off of us, but we have to question where all of this money is going. Exactly what aspects of the internship make it so expensive? Maybe the administration should take a look at their financial agenda in terms of necessity and student convenience.

If the price were scaled down, more students would seek internships, which would not only benefit the student, but the College as well. As every student knows, the one with the experience lands the job. Therefore, the more internships students are able to complete, the higher the College's success rate of employed students.

Theoretically then, everybody wins, and this theory is something that all colleges, not just our own, should consider when taking those checks to the bank.

Don't tap your foot

By Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

We are all aware by now about the disgraced Senator from Idaho, Mr. Larry Craig, who will be departing the Beltway very shortly, most likely not to return. In all the news attention given to Senator Craig, I began thinking about what he did, and how it affects all of us.

Sounds straightforward, right? Senator allegedly caught soliciting a male prostitute. Said Senator claims he isn't gay. Said Senator resigns from Congress.

First, I want to mention that I don't have a problem with a member of Congress hiring a prostitute. I do, however, find it troublesome that Senator Craig, with one of the most vehemently anti-gay voting records during his tenure on the Hill, has allegedly solicited gay sex. But I am not angry with Senator Craig--this is in no way a fault of his own. There are pieces of the puzzle that make me cautious about the ethics of this man, notably issues of hypocrisy. As far as I am concerned, if the sex was consensual, I really don't care.

What I do care about is a society that makes it near impossible for a person to live their lives openly and honestly. A society, like where Senator Craig grew up, that shuns differences of sexual orientation and gender identity. A society where people are told that in order to be a "real man" they need to "toughen up" or to be a "real woman"; they need to become more effeminate.

I think that Senator Craig, much as I despise his political viewpoints, is a victim of a heterosexist, homophobic, and gender essentialist society. One which tells men that being gay is weak and that one will not be successful in politics. One in which those who do come out and are members of certain (not all) religious organizations, are often ostracized and in some cases disowned by their families, as noted by the rise of homeless queer youth nationwide.

Senator Craig was brought up in a society that tells men to toughen up--that being gay is not being a "real man" and that treats queerness as an illness rather than a culture. The fact that even after he was "caught" Craig still insists he isn't gay, proves the very intolerance of our society.

Before we all go tap our feet at the edge of a bathroom stall and solicit sex in airports and train stations, let us further our creation of a welcoming society where queer people can come out of the closet and express who they are freely and openly. Senator Craig's resignation is unfortunate. It would be so much better for his country if he would acknowledge his sexuality, stop voting for an anti-gay agenda, and help the Republican Party move away from its so-called "pro-family" rhetoric.

Oct. 11 of this year will be the 20th annual National Coming Out Day. There is no need to tap your foot in a bathroom stall for sex. Instead, live your life openly and be proud of who you are.

Mules invade Israel!

By Adam Sosnik
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

A group of random 'Berg students and a few siblings ended up as a family united by the very thing that brought them together in the first place--a Taglit-birthright Israel: Hillel trip. The 35 new faces that surrounded me, the overwhelming El Al security in JFK Airport and the anticipation of the 12 hour flight started the trip hectically. Luckily, I conquered the flight, watching *Music and Lyrics* three times and trying my first pita and hummus combo. By the time we landed at the Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, I had already acquainted myself with

a majority of the group.

So, what's the standard procedure after a long, cramped flight to the Middle East? Travel to the hotel, grab a frozen concoction and sit poolside while Middle Eastern women (and men, for all the ladies out there) flaunt their tanned bodies and dark exotic features to bedazzled Americans, right? WRONG! Note: When traveling to Israel, rest up on the flight, because as soon as you step off the plane and receive your luggage, your official, physically-draining and emotionally-straining tour of the Holy Land has begun.

Our bus quickly became our home on wheels. Bus 621, led by our fab-

ulous tour guide Boaz, immediately set off for the Mediterranean beach town of Netanya. It's hard to describe the beauty of this beach on the Mediterranean Sea, which was located directly behind our hotel. Put it this way, The Beach Boys would cry more tears of joy than I did during the ending of *The Shawshank Redemption*. After our dinner and group icebreakers, our wonderful trip leaders, Patti Mittleman and Jeremy Teissere, essentially said, "Go have fun!" The rest of the first night was spent laughing and buddying around on our own schedule with our newly made friends.

Day two...day two...hmm. Was

day two the day that we climbed to the top of Masada to watch the sunrise and learn the history behind this ancient mountaintop stronghold? Or was it the day that we traveled to the Dead Sea, allowing the Earth's lowest point to cleanse our souls and heal our blemishes (more specifically, my ripped up knee from a previous moped accident in Nantucket) with the its mineral rich waters? It's hard to pinpoint one day from the next when you are constantly traveling and sleeping each night to what feels like mere naps, all the while having the most amaz-

Making headway with new headlines



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

There is no shortage of headline grabbing events for Americans to follow in these last few weeks of summer. When attempting to recap the past few months, deciding where to begin is a difficult process. Here is a look at some current issues in America and around the world.

The 2008 Presidential race is in full swing and has no shortage of

big-time candidates. Expect to see the Republican race come down to Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney or Fred Thompson. On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton has been widening her lead over Barack Obama the past few months with John Edwards sitting in a distant third. Regardless of who wins the primaries, it should be a closely contested race.

There hasn't been much change in the war in Iraq. President Bush continues to push for support on his decision to increase troop amounts, despite a lack of positive feedback on the results of a troop surge. On Sept. 10, the top American commander in Iraq, David H. Petraeus, will give Congress a report on the progress in Iraq. After his presentation, it will be interesting to see the next move that both Congress and President Bush will make in the controversial war. Overall, President Bush's approval rating remains staggeringly low, yet he has remained consistent in his stance on the Iraq War.

We have seen positive development in American foreign policy

throughout the productive diplomacy achieved with North Korea and its nuclear program. The progress over the last few months concerning negotiations has been remarkable, with North Korea, agreeing in principle, to disable its nuclear program for economic and diplomatic benefits. The process is moving along smoothly with North Korea hoping to disable all their nuclear facilities by the year's end.

On the opposite end of the spectrum is where U.S. relations with Iran are located. The rogue Middle East state remains defiant of attempts to curb its nuclear program, which it claims is for peaceful purposes. Beyond that is a belief that Iran has been aiding Shiite uprisings in Iraq. These actions have led America to contemplate labeling Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization. The Corps is a large branch of Iran's military, and labeling it as a terrorist organization would be a confronta-

tional but seemingly necessary move by our government.

Other issues include the ongoing crisis in Darfur, as well as the ongoing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. America's government has been rightfully repeatedly criticized for not taking a more pro-active role in helping stop the genocide.

The Israel and Palestine conflict remains an issue for our government, including how active of a role

they plan on taking in helping to broker a peace between the two warring peoples. The last issue of concern is the rising presence of the Taliban in Afghanistan, which should receive more focus from our military than it currently does.

Overall, there are currently plenty of events to have an opinion about, and I look forward to covering them and expressing my own opinion on them for the rest of the year.

ISRAEL | FROM PAGE 2 ing experience.

Personal favorites you ask? As far as I'm concerned, walking through Jerusalem's Old City and visiting the Western Wall was a dynamite experience. The five days when a group of Israeli soldiers joined up with our bus was another highlight of my trip. The soldiers didn't come to scare us or make us join the Israeli Defense Force, for the soldiers weren't "on the job." They came to hang out with us, interact with us so we could learn about each others' cultures. They did everything with us, from visiting Yad Vashem, Israel's phenomenal Holocaust Museum to spending a night out at a bar with our bus following a night at the movies. They were even able to show us the good places to eat in each city we visited (I was on a strict schwarma, falafel and hummus diet). Because they can be called into the war at anytime, it was very emotional when our soldiers left our bus when their five days were over.

My suggestion: go to Israel. Oh, it's too expensive for you? Guess what, all expenses are covered when you go through a Taglit-birthright Israel: Hillel trip. Worried about safety and security, huh? I felt safer in Israel than I do on Chew Street. Go to Israel. But, I wouldn't recommend you go to Israel if you're not a fan of having a fantastic experience with great people in a place so unique that no other country can compare, all for the price of \$0.00.

Other than that, GO TO ISRAEL, have the experience of a lifetime, make life long friends and eat schwarma. (Try a little falafel too.)



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Community Service Office welcomes two new faces

By Sara Horowitz
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In Spring '07, the College bid farewell to Val Lane and Lindsey Knepp after their combined 14 years at the Community Service Office. After a thorough search process, Beth Halpern and Kate Cartwright join the College community this year as Director of Community Service and Civic Engineering and Assistant Director of Community Service and Civil Engineering, respectively.

The search process for these new positions began many months ago when a search committee of students, faculty, staff and administration was formed. The committee reviewed a number of applications and selected a small number of candidates to bring the campus. Those candidates came to the campus to meet with members of the committee and other groups in the community. Karen Green, Dean of Students and VP of Student Affairs, said, "I was very pleased with the search process for the Director and Assistant Director of Community Service and Civic Engineering. Students, faculty and staff members comprised both search committees and we're very pleased with the outcome that chose Beth Halpern and Kate Cartwright as the successful candidates."

Miles Davison '08, a member of the search committee, said he "really enjoyed being on the committee." It gave him the opportunity "to learn about the job search process and work with others interested in the future of community service."

After narrowing it down, the committee welcomed Cartwright and Halpern to join the college staff. Beth Halpern is originally from La Grange, Ill. and graduated with degrees in psychology, Spanish and anthropology at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisc. At Lawrence, she started the first campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity, coached Special Olympics track, served as OxfamAmerica CHANGE leader and interned in the Volunteer and Community Service Center on campus. Upon graduation, she worked in Massachusetts for Best

Buddies as the Colleges Program Manager. After that, she advised many student-led volunteer projects at the Community Service office at Dartmouth College. Most recently, she completed her masters degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs at Ohio State University and worked in their Office of International Education. She also taught a service-learning class through the College of Education and Human Ecology.

"We knew we faced a potential challenge given the tremendous loss of both Val Lane and Lindsey Knepp at the same time."

**Karen Green,
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and VP of Student
Affairs**

Kate Cartwright is from Steamboat Springs, Colorado and received a degree at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina in English and Spanish. She did graduate work in English Literature at Lehigh University. Throughout this time, she worked on women's health projects, Habitat for Humanity, after school programs, literacy programs and prisoner rights programs. After graduate school, she spent time as a full-time volunteer on the border of Texas and Mexico as both a legal coordinator for the immigrants children's advocacy program and the volunteer coordinator for Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center. Before obtaining the position at the College, she taught English composition and literature classes at Lehigh University and Northampton Community College. She was married at the end of August in Lovelock, Nev.

Cartwright strongly believes "in the power of volunteer work and civic engagement to strengthen communities as well as individuals." She said, "The programs and events that students and staff have put together here are truly inspiring. One of my goals as the new Assistant Director is to help facilitate opportunities that allow and encourage even more students to connect with their Allentown community in dynamic ways. As I become integrated into the Muhlenberg Community, I also hope to discover ways to highlight civic engagement opportunities."

Beth is equally as thrilled and "excited to spend the year learning more about our service, service-learning, and civic engagement activities to reach out to as

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A Who's Who in Dining Management

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

There are a lot of exciting things going on with the dining staff of the College. In addition to all of the changes happening with the Garden Room and General's Quarters there are a few new staff members to mention, as well.

Ron Beimel is the new General Manager of Muhlenberg Dining, and is bringing over twenty years of experience in the food industry with him to the College. Beimel's passion for food earned him a degree from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco and he is thrilled to be a part of the College's dining team.

Sue Flederbach is the new Director of Retail Options and has worked with campus dining since 1999. Flederbach has 23 years of management experience behind her and is a Certified Food Management professional by the National Restaurant Association.

Bryson Lanning is the new General's Quarters Manager and has worked in the food industry since the young age of fourteen. He began as a chef at the College in 2006, and should help to bring a new dynamic to all of the changes occurring in the GQ.

Jamie Panfili is the new Assistant Director of Catering and is bringing along plenty of experience. Jamie didn't realize her passion for culinary arts until after studying History and

Journalism at the University of Delaware, but has certainly proven her dedication through having had her very own event planning business.

These four individuals will be adding to the rest of the managing staff made up of Tom Henry, Garden Room Manager, Ron Kizinger, Executive Chef, Debbie Cole, Garden Room Supervisor, and Paulette Cramer, Catering Director.

The managing staff, and all other dining staff for that matter, is an integral part to the changes being made throughout the facilities. "They have been helping out with great ideas for improvements and are really the key to making all of the changes work," said Beimel. The staff is overly excited to be starting out the 2007-2008 school year with all of their hard work finally being put to the test. "There is always a healthy nervousness going into a new season, it is like opening night jitters for a performer," commented Beimel.

One might wonder what the dynamic is like behind the scenes with so many people working towards making the students on a college campus satisfied. "I am very happy with the way the staff works with each other and their managers, it is like a big family," said Beimel. Clearly there is a drive behind all of them that can be seen in the dining areas through their hard work and concern for students' dining experience.



Ron Kizinger, Executive Chef, hard at work on the Action Station with some help from the dining staff.

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many students as possible." She plans to spend the year not only "listening to students, faculty, and staff around campus to learn more about the campus community and its priorities," but also intends "to listen a lot to the Allentown voice to learn ways in which we can work in partnership to strengthen our community." She hopes the office can serve as a place "where everyone feels welcome and understands that they can make a contribution to society."

Davison, like many others, spend a great deal of their time at the College volunteering and working with the Community Service Office. Davison said, "It's hard to adjust to change. Val and Lindsey are dearly missed down in the basement of Seegers. However, I think that Beth and Kate will be fabulous if students give them a chance."

Green said, "I've had a chance to work with them this summer, and I am excited about the new energy and ideas that they have

brought to Muhlenberg. I think this year promises to be challenging, but also hopefully rewarding and productive for all of us." Dean Green has said that student response has been "overwhelmingly positive." She hopes "that more students will seek ways to

"The search process for these new positions began many months ago when a search committee of students, faculty, staff, and administration was formed."

engage with Beth and Kate moving forward."

Dean Green recognizes the challenges ahead. She said, "We knew we faced a potential challenge given the tremendous loss of both Val Lane and Lindsey Knepp at the same time. The transition in personnel has gone smoothly and Beth hit the ground running. She immediately met with all of our community partners and has a vision for how the office should honor long-standing partnerships

while investigating new initiatives and opportunities."

Halpern knows the shoes she must fill and hopes "to continue the good work that came from my office in the past and strengthen the path toward the future. We will continue to work with all members of the campus community who are interested in engaging with Allentown and the broader global society." Cartwright echoes this sentiment and believes "that volunteer work and personal involvement with local communities in college are some of the best ways to make students' academic experiences vibrant and also help to establish lifelong patterns of involvement and service."

Throughout the academic year, the Community Service Office and members of different organizations around campus collaborate on many events. Halpern noticed this right off the bat and said she is "amazed at all the great, diverse work Muhlenberg students do in partnership with the local community," which she hopes to continue this year.



New to the Community Service Office, Kate Cartwright and Beth Halpern hope to share their enthusiasm with students and faculty.

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Weekend Weather

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What's new on Chew Street?

Out with the trailers and in with The Village

By Kelley Wynne
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

After the influx of Freshmen last year, the College was forced to construct new buildings to house excess bodies. As a result, it was finally time for MacGregor to go.

Many were sad to see the MacGregor trailers go, as it was a long standing living area on campus that served as a cozy alternative to an actual house. However, no complaints have yet to surface over the new living arrangement in place of MacGregor, called The Village. "I love the new Village - everything is really pretty and brand new. It's definitely a different experience from being in the old MacGregor Village - my friends and I don't feel like we're living in a trailer anymore!" said Caitlin Bandfield '08.

MacGregor was torn down May 15th while The Village units were already under construction in New Jersey. The modular dorms arrived for assembly over the summer and three of the five are already completed. The suites in The Village fit five people with three singles and one double. In addition to these arrangements, five rooms in total in The Village are designed for four people with four single rooms.

The New Dorm at 22nd and Chew Street was also constructed over the course of last year. This new housing option at 2201 Chew Street is suite style housing arranged with two double bedrooms a common room and kitchen, vanity area and bathroom.

Kathleen Mangold, Residence Coordinator, described both The Village and 2201 Chew Street as wonderful spots to live on campus. She explained how both housing experiences come equip with full kitchens and modern utilities which is why many of the students living in either housing drop their meal plans and take on cooking responsibilities themselves.

However, it is nice that students can gain that independent living experience without having to be removed from campus. Mangold also described the furniture in the housing as "classy and modern" with solid colors and interchangeable set ups. All in all, these new housing additions to campus have received "nothing but positive reviews," says Jess Nesmith '09. She says that "everybody loves it."

Residential Services hopes to provide better options for students in order to keep them on campus.



The Village, shown here, will be home to 145 students once completed.

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Someone's in the kitchen with Hillel

By Jamie Schneider
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The staff and student board of the College's Hillel have been working endlessly on planning events such as Taglit-birthright israel: Hillel trips, Bat Mitzvah parties, bagel brunches and BBQs. In addition to this already time consuming list, they also prepare Shabbat dinners every Friday night. For some students at the College, a typical Friday night begins with a trip to 2238 Chew Street for a relaxing and delicious home cooked meal. At the end of last year when the oven at the Hillel House stopped working, the College knew it was necessary to replace it to allow Friday night Shabbat dinners as well as many other Hillel sponsored events to continue.

While replacing an oven seems as though it should be an easy task, replacing the oven at the Hillel House required the removal of cabinetry which required a construction permit, which then required an institutional kitchen permit since the house is zoned as institutional

and not residential. In order for a house to be zoned as institutional it must have an institutional kitchen, but the kitchen in the Hillel House was formerly a residential kitchen. In order for the house to receive a new oven, it was necessary for the College to replace the entire kitchen.

The Hillel House received all new appliances, with the exception of the refrigerator that had previously been in the basement. According to Joe Grinenko '04, Director of Programming for Hillel, "the only thing that was previously in the kitchen that's still in the kitchen now is the garbage can."

In response to the new kitchen, Patti Mittleman, Hillel Director said, "When you're preparing food for 200 people each week having an institutional kitchen is great. However, even with the two ovens in the new kitchen we still had to use all of the oven space at the Kosher MILE House next door in order to get all of the food prepared on time for last Friday's Shabbat dinner."



The new kitchen in the Hillel House will be used every Friday to provide home-cooked Shabbat dinners.

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HOOKAH

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also expressed some concern for non-smokers who have to smell the tobacco and for hookahs being mistaken for bongs, which are not allowed on campus.

Schubert explained that, "just this past weekend, the Office of Campus Safety received a call from a neighbor stating that a bong was sitting in front of a house owned by the college; it turned out to be a hookah."

Despite these concerns, Schubert does not foresee any changes to the hookah policy. A change would

only occur if students were not abiding by the policies regarding hookah smoking. The main concern of the administration is that students' are not bringing hot coals or ashes back inside the buildings and putting others at risk

because as Schubert explained, "there is a huge safety factor present."

As long as students are smart and safe about participating in hookah smoking it will continue to be allowed on campus, showing the Student Body a clear example of how students have the power to create change at the College.

The reason the ban was reviewed and reconsidered was because of the responses from students during the Fall 06 semester.

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Campus Safety Notes

Aug. 25 - Residential Policy - A student was smoking in his room in East Hall and therefore, removed the smoke detector. He was fined \$300.

Aug. 25 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a faulty detector on the fourth floor of Walz Hall. The detector has now been replaced.

Aug. 25 - Noise Complaint - There was a number of noise complaints received about loud parties on Liberty Street. Campus Police arrived and broke up six parties.

Aug. 25 - Simple Assault - A student was confronted by a number of other students and punched in the face at 2238 Gordon Street. The victim does not want to pursue the case.

Aug. 26 - Underage Consumption - A Resident Advisor caught underage students drinking on the second floor of Benfer Hall. They were referred to the Judicial Process.

Aug. 26 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to popcorn on the first floor of Prosser Hall.

Aug. 26 - Underage Consumption - Two students were found with alcohol in a room in the basement of Walz Hall. They

were forwarded to the Judicial Process.

Aug. 26 - Underage Consumption - A student was approached by the Allentown Police on Gordon Street due to intoxication and disorderly conduct. That student was arrested.

Aug. 26 - Vandalism - A window was smashed in on a red Honda Prelude in the commuter parking lot. There was nothing taken from the vehicle.

Aug. 26 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm was set off due to dust on the fourth floor of Robertson Hall.

Aug. 26 - Vandalism - The rear window of a vehicle was smashed in the Martin Luther parking lot.

Aug. 26 - Sick Student - The EMS checked out a sick student on Front Drive but the student refused treatment.

Aug. 26 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to burnt popcorn on N. 23rd Street.

Aug. 27 - Suspicious Vehicle - A neighbor called about a suspicious vehicle blocking his driveway and the driveway of a student.

Aug. 27 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm

was set off due to cooking on 432 Albright Street.

Aug. 28 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in the Village at 2259 Turner Street. The alarm was set off due to dust.

Aug. 30 - Vandalism - A BMW was vandalized on Liberty Street. The window was smashed out and it appears the GPS system was taken.

Aug. 30 - Theft - Two pairs of sunglasses were taken from the Life Sports Center.

Aug. 30 - Institutional Vandalism - A student in East Hall reported that four screws were removed from her door.

Aug. 30 - Suspicious Person - A suspicious person was in a vehicle parked near the President's house. The individual was identified and told to stay out of the area.

Aug. 30 - Disorderly Conduct - An administrator located in the Haas College Center was harassed through a letter in the mail.

Aug. 30 - Theft - A student reported that her car had been broken into in the Benfer Hall parking lot and items were taken.

Aug. 30 - Location Check - A window fell out and broke on the first floor of Martin

Luther Hall.

Aug. 30 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm was set off due to steam from the shower on the fourth floor of Robertson Hall.

Aug. 30 - Sick Student - A male student was found vomiting in the bathroom on the fourth floor of Walz Hall. The EMS transported that student to the hospital.

Aug. 31 - Suspicious Activity - Campus Safety spotted two males sitting low in their white Honda on 21st and Liberty Streets. The vehicle was followed but eluded Campus Safety. Allentown Police were notified.

Aug. 31 - Suspicious Activity - An individual logged onto his computer in the Center for the Arts and explicit content came up on the screen. The suspect is unknown at this time.

Aug. 31 - Noise Complaint - A neighbor called to complain about loud noise coming from 428 Albright Street. Students were found in the basement providing alcohol to minors and playing beer games. The individuals were identified and the matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 1 - Suspicious Person - Four males were yelling while walking down N. 26th Street and one individual

was found to be intoxicated. The individuals were identified to be non-Muhlenberg students and the Allentown police were notified.

Sept. 1 - Found Property - A Sodhexo employee called about a found purse in Seegers Union. No one has claimed it yet.

Sept. 1 - Underage Consumption - A Resident Advisor called about noise and commotion coming from a room on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall. When the door was opened, alcohol was found in the room. All of the individuals cooperated and the matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 2 - Institutional Vandalism - A mirror was broken and a chair overturned in the first floor lounge of Prosser Hall. The lounge was cleaned up but there are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 2 - Sex Offense - A Hispanic male in his 40's exposed himself on Chew Street near the library. The man was driving in an old gray car and was slightly overweight with a shaved head. The Allentown Police have been notified.

Sept. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - The fire alarm at 2442 Tilghman Street was set off due to steam from shower.

WEEKLY

Life!

"You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments when you have really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love."

-Henry Drummond

Mazel Tov to the Bat Mitzvah girls!

By Beth Schwartz
COPY EDITOR

Jerusalem, Israel. On June 9, 2007 at the Shalom Hotel in Jerusalem, members of several Taglit-birthright israel: Hillel trips became Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Jennifer Gutman '08 and Jamie Schneider '08 were two of the four students of the Muhlenberg Taglit-birthright israel trip to become Bat Mitzvahs. In Israel, the celebration for Jen and Jamie was very joyous, yet simple. As soon as one of the trip leaders, Patti Mittleman, Director of Hillel, landed on the runway at JFK airport, plans for a larger Bat Mitzvah celebration were underway.

Throughout the summer, Mittleman worked with the Hillel executive board, and emailed students who went on the College's June birthright trip, asking if they had any ideas for a "Bat Mitzvah Bash." Many people at the College reported that they had received snail-mail invitations over the summer.

Trip members who graduated from the College or who do not attend the

College started responding to the invitations with much excitement to celebrate this wonderful moment in Jen and Jamie's lives.

On Saturday evening, around 7 p.m., the Great Room looked like it does daily, but by 8 p.m., there was blue and silver confetti atop the tables with pictures from June's birthright trip, including pictures from all of the places the group went in Israel. The DJ was all set up with huge speakers, blow-up guitars and saxophones, cheesy sunglasses and of course, no Bat Mitzvah is complete without doing the Limbo (this Bat Mitzvah, however, included a makeshift limbo stick out of Hawaiian leis).

The night began with Jeremy Teissere, Professor of Biology and Neuroscience, the other leader on the Muhlenberg Taglit-birthright israel: Hillel trip, leading the Havdalah service before the big bash. Here, Jeremy pointed out that during another birthright israel trip that took place later in the summer, two additional students of the College, Ariel Lackoff '11 and Melissa

Michaane '11, also became Bat Mitzvahs in Israel.

They helped Jeremy with the Havdalah service, a short ceremony that starts at nightfall, as Shabbat ends and the new week begins. People celebrating Havdalah stand in a circle, singing the concluding song, "Shavu'a Tov," meaning, "Have a good week." Finally, the circle of singers broke, and the DJ started with some fast songs, getting everyone out on the dance floor.

Shortly after, Jen and Jamie were introduced and they danced into the Great Room together, as everyone applauded them. Then, the people on the dance floor started a Horah, a very popular Jewish folk dance that occurs at joyous events like Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and Jewish weddings, usually played to the song "Hava Nagila."

During this folk dance, people celebrating the guest(s) of honor form a circle and the guest(s) of honor are celebrated by sitting on a chair, and getting lifted up into the air by people at the party.

When they were lifted up, both Jen and Jamie looked



like they were having the time of their lives, seeing all their friends on the dance floor cheering for them.

Many people at the party would agree that there wasn't just one highlight of the night — the company was good, the music was good, the food was good and the Cha-Cha slide was great, as always.

But, one thing that was very special for Jen, Jamie and the other students who went on the birthright trip was that the Israeli medic/guard that stayed with the group everyday in Israel, came from Israel, to celebrate this event and see some familiar faces.

The trip only lasted ten days, but his visiting showed that this experience was meaningful for everyone involved, and everyone agrees that it was really wonderful to see him.

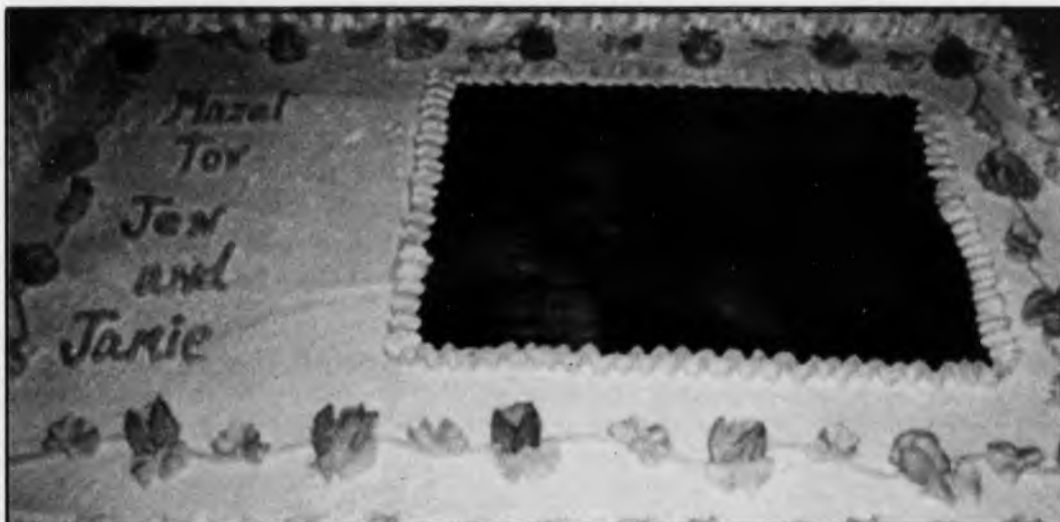
In responding to how she thought the party went, Mittleman positively responded, "I was pleased to see so many students and staff from throughout campus come out to celebrate Jen and Jamie's experience in Israel. I hope everyone

got a sense of just how profound an impact a trip to Israel can have on your life. The fact that the medic from our trip came all the way from Israel to be at the party testifies to how close we all became. Over the next few weeks we will begin advertising trips to Israel for both Jewish and non-Jewish students during winter and spring break. I know Jen and Jamie want everyone who came out to party with them to think about doing an Israel trip with them."

Another highlight to Jen and Jamie and the other members of the birthright israel group was when the DJ played a song that trip members sang often on the bus and around Israel.

This popular Jewish folk song is called, "Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu." This song is translated as "Peace will come on us, and everyone."

The members of the birthright trip stood in a large circle (yes, yet another circle), and belted out this beloved song like they were in Israel once again, celebrating the Bat Mitzvahs of old friends, or even better, new ones.



Jen and Jamie celebrated their Bat Mitzvah's on Saturday night in the Great Room with dancing and cake.

PHOTO BY JEN GUTMAN

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

By Penny Lochner
HEAD OF COLLECTION
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Have you ever had the experience of revisiting a place you had become very familiar with only to find it had been completely changed since your last visit? Perhaps a store you frequented decided to remodel. The remodel may have been purely decorative or it may have resulted in everything being rearranged. You might perceive the redecoration aspect as either refreshing or distasteful, but dealing with the rearrangement of familiar items can be quite disconcerting. Finding what you want suddenly requires that you scan and think, rather than moving automatically to what you need.

How you respond to this type of change depends partly on your personality and partly on your satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the way things had been. The best outcome is when you find the changes to be pleasing and helpful. Perhaps the change allows you to discover things you never realized were there.

At Trexler Library, we are hoping for this type of outcome for one of our most recent projects: redesigning the library's web site.

If you've had a chance to visit the library's home page recently, you know why we are hearing people in the library take that first click and say, "Oh, wow!" Yes, we've redecorated. We've remodeled. We've rearranged. We are not finished yet. The process began late last year and will continue through this one.

Last year the Systems Librarian, Brian Johnstone, brought together two additional staff librarians. Penny Lochner, Jen Jarson, Amber Vanderwarker, assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, John Jannuzzi '07 and Jillian Lowery '00, Director of College Communication to form a Web Site Redesign Committee.

The committee created a short survey about the library's web site. About 74% of the responses came from students, 17% from faculty and 7% from college staff members. The committee looked for

input on five key points: satisfaction with the number of steps to get where you want, whether information on the site is easy to access, whether the site was user-friendly, valuable and/or visually appealing. Based on the survey, the site's visual appeal rated lowest with users. When asked, "If you could make one change to the site, what would it be?" the most repeated answers were "better organized", "improve navigation" or "more visually appealing", as well as other similar sentiments.

In addition to the results of this survey, the committee reviewed input from previous surveys, talked to students and faculty and reviewed other web sites for ideas. The committee then put all this information together and began reshaping the web site. As you have seen, or will see, the look of the site has most decidedly been changed to improve its visual appeal.

Steps have been taken to improve site navigation, as well. The website now has menus which carry over from page to page. We've added links to Groupwise

and Blackboard plus many other tidbits here and there.

The reorganization of the information on the site is still underway. While you will still see the familiar "Find" on the home page, drill down and you will not have all the same choices as before. According to our survey, users most frequently visit the library website to do research and secondly, to get help with research. To better meet this need, we created a new area for research which combines these two uses and leads visitors to helpful resources more directly.

We plan to reorganize other internal pages and add new information and help. How will we know if we've improved anything? We plan to follow up with a survey. A good library is a place where users can find what they need with relative ease whether searching for something specific or exploring new ideas. If we've done our job well, you will know what I mean when I borrow from Dr. Seuss and say, "Oh, the places you'll go" when you visit the Trexler Library website.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SUMMER?



"When the Celtics got Kevin Garnett."
- Matt Katz '09



"Staying on campus and taking physics."
- Trisha Kadakia '10



"When Paris Hilton went to jail."
- Daniel Orlow '08



"Singing 'Livin' La Vida Loca' on a Carnival cruise ship."
- Dan Jimenez '11



"Taking a trip to Acadia National Park in Maine."
- Dr. Patricia Bradt,
Professor of
Environmental Science

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



3:10 to Yuma

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Balls of Fury

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
Sun. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50

The Bourne Ultimatum

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40

Death Sentence

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Halloween

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Mr. Bean's Holiday

Fri. 4:20, 7:30, 9:30
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Sun. 4:20, 7:30, 9:30

The Nanny Diaries

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
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Superbad

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
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Counting Crows rock the Allentown Fair

By Amanda Glassman
ASST. FOCUS EDITOR

On August 28th, 2007, people from all over the Lehigh Valley gathered to see the Counting Crows and Hootie and the Blowfish at the Allentown Fairgrounds. With nearly a sold out audience, composed of an age group ranging from 20 to 40 years old, the crowd was full of energy. The night started with people gathering in the standing area between the orchestra and the grand

stand as they socialized amongst one another.

As the sun began to set, Hootie and the Blowfish, a band most popular in the early 90s, kicked off the night with one of their new songs. They are planning to release an album this fall, and played as many songs off their new album as possible.

The crowd seemed to be enjoying the new songs, which still consisted of a similar style to the original sound everyone knew and loved in

the past. The band played an eclectic selection of instruments including the banjo and the ukulele. The audience seemed to enjoy Hootie and the Blowfish as they sat comfortably in their seats and bobbed their heads along to the music.

The mood of the crowd shifted once the Counting Crows came on to perform. Although many of the people in the audience seemed to enjoy Hootie and the Blowfish, they most likely came to the concert to see the Counting Crows.

This was evident as soon as the band arrived on stage, as the crowd's energy level grew immediately. The lead singer, Adam Duritz, came out with his usual dreadlocks and spoke to the audience, introducing the band.

The band was formed in 1991, and their first popular single was "Mr. Jones," still well-known by our generation. The band has released five popular studio albums since then, and they are releasing "Saturday Nights,

Sunday Mornings," in November of this year. The band played a lot of the songs from their new album, all of which was well received by the audience.

Along with new songs not many people have heard yet, the Counting Crows played their popular songs people could sing along to. Some of these songs included the classics, "Mr. Jones," as well as "Hangin' Around," "Long December," "Holiday in Spain," "Omaha," and "Anna Begins."

Everyone in the orchestra of the stadium stood the whole time and danced to every song. The people in the grand stand sat for the most part, but got up to dance and sing along to those songs they knew.

An unexpected surprise came near the end of the concert when Hootie and the Blowfish came on the stage with the Counting Crows and sang a Bob Dylan song together. At this point, the crowd was cheering loudly, and everyone sang along. The Counting Crows thanked Hootie and the Blowfish as they left the stage and continued with their songs.

The Counting Crows left the stage and came back for their encore to end the night with a standing ovation from all of their devoted fans.



The Counting Crows played well into the night at the Allentown Fairgrounds, as the Lehigh Valley cheered them on.

PHOTO BY AMANDA GLASSMAN

Freshmen Orientation Weekend Class of 2011



Welcome to Muhlenberg, class of 2011! The Freshman class arrived Friday, Aug. 24. After moving into their new dorms, they quickly began Orientation Weekend by participating in games and bonding activities with their advising groups and listening to a welcome speech from President Randy Bahr.

PHOTO BY CHARLES BETH

Introducing Erin and Erika

the new sexperts

By Erin Futrovsky and Erika Koop
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

So, it's the beginning of the semester and surely you would rather be laying on the beach than sitting in your chemistry lecture or working through your hundreds of pages of assigned reading for that Shakespeare class you're taking. Whether you like it or not, you're here, so you may as well make the best of it by reading the new and improved *Muhlenberg Weekly* sex column.

This year's column is going to be slightly different than what you are used to, but we believe it will be a change for the better! Yes, "we"! That's right; the biggest change is that there will be two of us co-writing the column this year. So, lucky readers, you now get two viewpoints rather than one.

To get to know us a little bit bet-

ter, here is a little bit of information about ourselves.

I'm Erin, a nineteen year old sophomore from Rockville, Md. and my major is currently undeclared. I'm beyond excited to be writing this column, and I want you to know that, like most of you, I have had my share of bad relationships. Really bad ones, horrible, in fact. But I'm still here, and believe it or not, completely happy with where I am in my life right now. I would love to let you in on some of the things I've learned along the way.

Here's number one: Take a chance. Go out with someone you wouldn't normally date. If it sucks, I'm sorry, but at least you've realized what you don't want in a boyfriend or girlfriend. Please, take what I say and use it to the fullest. Know that most of what I write about has stemmed from either my mistakes or my good decisions, and

the rest may be about what I've observed from my friends.

But, here's one thing that every college student should be doing everyday, all the time, and that's making the best of the best years of our lives. Have fun and don't think too hard (on the weekends that is)!

Now it's my turn. I'm Erika, a twenty-one year old senior from Northern New Jersey and am majoring in Art Studio and Anthropology. I'm looking forward to writing this column because I want to contribute to a better understanding of sex as a natural element in human life and pass along my knowledge of sex and relationships to the Student Body.

I've been a part of three long term monogamous relationships and have also had my fair share of the single life at Muhlenberg. Through all of that, I have learned a great deal and have very often found myself as the person my friends seek out for

advice, to discuss situations or simply vent. As with my friends, I want to offer students my knowledge on sex and relationships, which will hopefully help you generate healthy sex lives and happy relationships. As an anthropology student, I want to do my best to provide for the College community answers to some interesting questions about human sexuality, so we can better understand ourselves and everybody else around us.

Now that you've gotten to know us a little better, we hope that you're looking forward to our weekly contributions and we highly encourage you to email us at ef234487@muhlenberg.edu and/or ek232374@muhlenberg.edu with any questions you want answered, stories you want to share or topics you want us to write about. So look for us next week and live it up, Muhlenberg!

The Gossip Guru

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

My name is Navah Meller, and I am a senior English Major who is not so secretly obsessed with celebrity gossip. I have been known to purchase an exorbitant amount of celebrity magazines a week, and obsessively check the many dozens of celebrity websites that seem to exist. In this column, I will be chronicalling some of the major current events occurring in the celebrity world, giving up to date gossip. Starting next week, there will also be a photograph of a Muhlenberg student with a celebrity whom they have met. Stay Tuned!

Relationship comings and goings

Married:

Sat., Sept. 1,

Actress Kate Walsh married film producer Alex Young at the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa in California. Usher remarried Tameka Foster in an Atlanta wedding celebration and *El's* Giuliana DePandi married Bill Rancic, season one of *The Apprentice* winner, on the island of Capri, Italy.

Breakups:

Heath Ledger and Michelle Williams have ended their three year relationship, but vow to remain close due to their two year old daughter, Matilda, as reported by *US Weekly* magazine. A source was quoted as saying that "the split was amicable." The two met while filming the Academy Award Winning film, *Brokeback Mountain*.

Current Events:

Owen Wilson, who is recovering from his failed suicide attempt, was released from

the hospital over this past weekend and is said to be "doing well." The actor was hospitalized after attempting to slit his wrists, and supposedly overdosing on drugs, as well. The drug use was vehemently denied by his attorney. His close friend, Wes Andersen, was quoted at the Venice Film Festival saying that, "When he's ready, he's going to speak for himself much better than anyone else could."

Britney Spears has launched a potential comeback, with the release of her new single, 'Gimme More.' The single has had many fans excited since its release. Despite this optimistic turn of events, Britney Spears has continued to fuel rumors of her unprofessional nature by supposedly appearing two hours late to the opening of Las Vegas' Luxor hotel's LAX Nightclub. She also refused to sign autographs or have her picture taken, despite being paid an undisclosed amount that is reported to be greater than \$100,000.

Heidi Montag, star of MTV's *The Hills*, was spotted shopping for a wedding dress. Though this has fueled speculation that she may, in fact, wed Spencer Pratt, it has been noted that the shopping expedition was done with an MTV film crew in tow. Many wonder if it is in fact all a publicity stunt.

Muhlenberg Celebrity spotting of the week:

In this spot, there will be a picture printed of a Muhlenberg student with a celebrity whom they have met. If you have any pictures of you and a celebrity, please email them to NM231843@muhlenberg.edu.

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Breaking the Records

Mule Profile: Lauren Rutt

By Kim Seedor
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She's quick, she's smart, she knows what she's doing and she has undeniable control of the ball. Unanimously known as one of the greatest assets to the Muhlenberg field hockey team, senior midfielder Lauren Rutt has certainly proved that she deserves her reputation.

With a 2nd-team all-Centennial Conference selection during her junior year, two Muhlenberg Field Hockey all-time records, one in career assists and one in season assists in 2005, it's easy to see why players look to her to hold the field together.

"She has always been such a central player on the field, and you can count on her to be everywhere at once," said junior Cara Rothacker of her teammate. "That just goes to show how versatile she really is. She can do everything."

But aside from her impressive athletic resume, Rutt certainly shines off the field as well. She is an academic force and has been since she attended high school in Lancaster County, PA, where she was valedictorian of her graduating class, and on campus, she is a Muhlenberg Scholar. In fact, playing field hockey in college was never her main goal – it just sort of happened, although one would not have expected that given her list of accomplishments.

"I've been playing field hockey since 6th grade, but was not part of an organized team until 7th grade," says Rutt. "In 6th grade, I attended a summer camp at our high school that was designed to introduce girls in the district to field hockey. After the camp, I decided it was a sport that I would like to play competitively and signed up for the team in 7th grade. I really didn't play too much field hockey apart from the school season and of course leagues in the off-season."

In a world where most college-bound athletes compete on multiple teams geared at securing a spot at the collegiate level, naturally talented, driven and not-overly-coached competitors like Rutt are hard to find. "I like sports and being active in general, but ever since I started field hockey I was hooked on it. It's a fast-paced, continuous game," she says, which is why she has stuck with it all these years.

When asked if she would consider coaching field hockey after graduating, Rutt insists that she would, but wants to stay away from the higher levels of play. "I'm not opposed to the idea of coaching, but if I did coach it would most likely be at the middle school level because that would be less intense and more grounded in teaching the fundamentals."

Apparently, fundamentals are Rutt's thing. Many of her teammates agree that she has some of the best stick skills and placement that they have ever seen. Jokingly, they have named her arms 'go-go-gadgets' because they spring to life when called upon and can reach the ball in tricky situations.

Teaching fundamentals, however, will actually be a big part of her future. She is pursuing her Elementary Education certification, while also majoring in Spanish. "My career plans are kind of up in the air right now, but I know that eventually I see myself as a classroom teacher in an elementary school," she says. "I also know that I want to use my Spanish. I was abroad in Spain last semester and definitely look forward to traveling a lot more once I graduate. I would also like to do some ESL teaching, whether inside or outside of the United States."

Her past seasons have been stellar, but she has even higher hopes for this season. Last year, the Mules went 12-7, earning a Centennial Conference playoff bid and recorded their first postseason win in fourteen years. "It's tough to pick just one memorable moment, but probably the one that is still the most fresh in my mind is when we beat Gettysburg last year in the playoffs." The team consensus is to go even further this time around.

"There is no reason why we shouldn't be able to improve on our record from last year and make another playoffs appearance," she said. "We are returning a lot of good players and everyone has really been stepping up to fill the rest of the positions that were left empty by our seniors from last year. I really am looking forward to this season in general though, because I think we have a really strong, deep team. The chemistry couldn't really be much better."

Unfortunately, as is the complaint of most athletes, the Mules Field

Hockey Team has very few home games this year, and Rutt says that the team has always seemed to struggle with winning on the road. "If we come to play and don't let our tough schedule affect us mentally, we will be okay."

Improving her All-Centennial Conference 2nd-team award is not the top priority on her list. Although she is an outstanding candidate for 1st-team, Rutt would rather see the team succeed as a whole than see herself succeed as an individual.

"If 1st team happens, that'd be great," she says. "But there are so many people that could and should be recognized that aren't. What's important to me is that our team has the best year yet and makes it the furthest...the furthest that we've made it since I've been here."

Rutt has set an example that the entire Muhlenberg athletic program can follow in terms of leadership, athleticism, eagerness and academic ability – all signs of a true student-athlete.



Lauren Rutt '08, has been a force in the midfield with her speed and vision.

Volleyball starts with old experience

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

on the team this year, Muhlenberg's Volleyball Team is looking more experienced than ever.

With three seniors on this year's squad, including hitter Jess Anselmi, setter Tiffany Elliott and Megan Young in the libero position, the team looks forward to becoming a force in the Conference this season. Juniors Megan Eiser and Danielle Losonci have been named Captains, and they will do their best to lead their team.

Their season began on Fri., Aug. 31 at the Moravian Greyhound Premiere Invitational, where the Mules came out hot, sweeping both Alvernia and the SUNY Institute of Technology.

In their first game against Alvernia, the Mules won in decisive fashion, 30-3. They never looked back, and after finishing off

Especially without a single freshman

Alvernia, beat the SUNY Institute of Technology 30-8 in the first game of that match. In the two matches combined, Anselmi led the way for the Mules with a team-high 13 kills, and Young notched 16 digs to go along with her 10 aces.

From there, they advanced to the Championship Bracket and faced Ithaca and Moravian the next day. Unfortunately, Muhlenberg did not find as much success as on Day One, falling to Ithaca 3-0, and to Moravian 3-2.

A bright spot in the loss was Eiser, who was named to the All-Tournament Team with 86 assists and 21 kills in four matches. Anselmi again recorded a team-high in kills with 24 in the matches against Ithaca and Moravian, while Young had 31 digs.

The two-day tournament proved promising for the Mules, as their young season looks to progress with their experienced and driven players.

Field Hockey goes 1-1

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a season that included a postseason win against Gettysburg, Muhlenberg Field Hockey is excited to start a new year. After finishing with a record of 12-7 last season, the Mules look for improvement with their small but promising team.

On Fri., Aug. 31, the team took on Virginia Wesleyan. Sophomore Nicki Notarianni scored twice, leading her team to a 3-0 victory in the first round of the Mule Classic. Senior Kelly Shetron also

added a goal and contributed two assists in the win. The Mules outshot Virginia Wesleyan, 10-1.

Next up was Elizabethtown. Shetron again scored for the Mules, but even combined with a goal from senior Jillian Duffy, it was not enough to win in regulation. So to overtime it went.

With nothing decided in one overtime, a second was needed. Unfortunately, with 7:57 left, the Mules lost a heartbreaking game. However, the game was well-played and highlighted by tough saves from junior Michelle Consiglio.

Big upset in the big house

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

There's a reason why I can't stand pre-season polls, and one of the reasons is the Michigan Wolverines. Why? Because they never play to their potential in September, and they lose in September to teams against which they probably shouldn't.

But not even the greatest prophet could predict the biggest September loss by Michigan, which happened this past Saturday in Ann Arbor.

Enter the little guys, the Appalachian State Mountaineers from Boone, N.C. They were the two-time defending National Champions of division 1-AA, and held the nation's longest winning streak of 15 games. They have also been defeated by a combined score of 83-18 by LSU, Kansas, and NC State (all division 1-A) the past two years.

Even more distressing is the fact that no division 1-AA team had ever defeated a team in the AP top 25, let alone the fifth-ranked team in the country. Someone forgot to tell all that to the Mounties (and the Wolverines, for that matter).

Michigan, who came into the game ranked fifth nationally, and is one of the favorites for winning the national championship, was blasted on the defensive side of the ball, allowing quarterback Armanti Edwards to throw for 227 yards and 3 touchdowns. He also ran for 62 yards and a touchdown, accounting for all four touchdowns.

Appalachian also got some breathing room from kicker Julian Rauch, who kicked two field goals, providing enough room to secure the 34-32 victory.

Michigan's lone bright spot was senior running back Mike Hart. He battled through thigh pain to rush for 188 yards and three TD's, all on 23 carries. QB Chad Henne looked suspect at best, completing 19 of 37 passes for 233 yards, including a touchdown and an interception. He and the rest of the Wolverines will have to rebound fast as Oregon visits this Saturday, and could easily put the Wolverines in an 0-2 hole.

Michigan's dream of a National Championship is now a cruel afterthought, thanks to the little guys from Appalachia State.



Sophomore Kristen Sabia recorded an assist against Virginia Wesleyan.

Philadelphia Eagles season preview

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Eagles look to be the cream of the crop in the NFC East, but nothing is for sure these days in the city of Brotherly Love. Donovan McNabb is one of the best Quarterbacks in the league. Unfortunately, he isn't productive when he is on the bench. Since 2002, he has missed 20 games. That is 25 percent of all games! What's worse, is they don't have Jeff Garcia sitting on their bench. If McNabb goes down, the lot will fall on either A.J. Feely, or possibly the worst value pick this past draft, Kevin Kolb.

Feely will be entering his 7th season in the NFL, and hasn't done much to really press for time as a starter. He has played decently as a back-up, but when he was a starter in Miami, he did not display franchise ability throwing 11 TD's to 15 INT.

Kolb, the Eagles first pick in the draft, hasn't done much to impress yet, and likely won't unless he dramatically improves from his college days. Kolb was a system QB in Houston, and wasn't really talked about as an NFL prospect until his senior year. Even then, his draft rating spiked because of workouts, not because of his game skills. If the Eagles want to make the playoffs, the first thing they must do is keep McNabb healthy, because neither Kolb or Feely are talented enough to carry the Eagles through the season.

The rest of the offense looks good, as "do-

everything" runningback Brian Westbrook will be their main weapon. The offensive-line looks great, especially on the right side with Jon Runyan and Shawn Andrews. The WR Core will miss Donte Stallworth, but Kevin Curtis should help to fill the void. Neither he or Reggie Brown are true number one receivers, but with Westbrook, tight end L.J. Smith, and good enough 3 and 4 receivers (Hank Baskett and Greg Lewis), the passing attack should be good enough to keep defenders from loading up the box.

The Eagles Defense still has some concerns, but with DE Javon Kearsae back healthy, the defensive-line should be able to get a much better push this season. Although the loss of Trotter hurts, the linebacking core will be fine, especially with the addition of Takeo Spikes. What should excite Eagles fans is the secondary, which is one of the best in the league. FS Brian Dawkins might be the best safety in the league, and has been for many years now. Cornerbacks Lito Sheppard and Sheldon Brown are both good enough to make the pro-bowl. SS Sean Considine isn't the best, but he can still make plays. Overall, if this team can stay healthy (especially at quarterback and runningback), the Eagles should be good enough for 10 or 11 wins and another playoff appearance, but the Eagles are probably a year or two away from the Super Bowl. This week they will take on the Green Bay Packers at Storied Lambeau Field for their NFL Season Opener.

Cross Country runners start with a Bang

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

It's that time of the year again. The Muhlenberg Cross Country Team has taken off, and is ready to fly past the competition. The team is excited to begin what promises to be a strong season.

Last year, the Mules finished the season on a high note, but lost several top runners. This season, however, both the Men's and Women's Teams are looking toward their young runners to come up big, and to their few seniors to provide experience.

The Men's Team features eight freshmen and a single senior, Joseph Brancale. The Women's Team has four senior leaders of the squad: Laura Clinton, Annie DeMuth, Sara Gearin and Christy Goff. Nonetheless, both teams are ready to begin their promising season with young legs.

The Mules ran their first of eight scheduled meets on Fri., Aug. 31 at the Muhlenberg Invitational, where they competed against rivals Lehigh and DeSales.

Running hard for the Women's Team were Gearin who finished sixth, and freshman Abby Simons who placed seventh. On the Men's side, junior Timothy Van Syckle placed fourth and his teammate junior David Chorney finished sixth. Sophomore Patrick Thornton also ran a strong race, crossing the finish line in the tenth spot.

Overall, Muhlenberg Cross Country looks forward to another strong season featuring their young runners, and have kicked off their schedule with a solid showing. Next the team is up against Lehigh at the Lehigh Valley Championships on Fri., Sept. 7.



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Silver Bullets on defense blank TCNJ

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Muhlenberg Football began on an extremely high note this past Friday as the Mules defeated the TCNJ Lions 15-0. In large part, they can thank their experienced defense, which held the Lions to negative 32 yards rushing, and 91 total offensive yards.

Senior Linebacker Dustin Good led the defense with 11 tackles, including 2 sacks, and free safety David Mazzola recorded an interception, the only turnover for the Mules. As a team, the Mules recorded five more sacks, including a pair by senior defensive end Chris Musselman, totaling seven for the game.

On offense, sophomore receiver Phil Cresta caught four passes, including a 65-yard touchdown pass. However, he may have been the only bright spot for the Mules offense. The offensive line struggled all game, allowing seven sacks. Although running back John DeLuca

was able to run for 84 yards, the run aspect of the game wasn't very productive either, as they averaged 1.7 yards per carry. Quarterback Eric Santagato also didn't fare too well, as he completed only 9 of 21 passes, and threw an interception. However, he did have the long pass completion to Cresta, which certainly helped to build confidence.

Both teams played very well on defense, as the first half result was a scoreless tie. In the third quarter, place kicker Jordan Grube knocked a 33-yard field goal through the uprights to take the lead for good. In the fourth quarter, it was all Muhlenberg, when Cresta hauled in the touchdown pass, and when RB DeLuca scored from 1 yard out (Both PAT's missed).

Overall, it was a good first game for the Mules, whose defense proved they can fly around the field and make plays.

Next up for the Mules is Union College on Sept. 15. The game will be played at Scotty Wood Stadium.



Dustin Good had a solid gamewith 11 tackles, leading the Mules to victory.

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Sophomore Kasey Hacker had a strong game against Kean University, scoring a goal in the tie.

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Soccer kicks off new season

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg Soccer is back in full swing and both teams are ready to embark on winning seasons. Each of the Men's and Women's Teams found success early on, and hope to continue their winning ways.

Looking to improve on their 13-6 overall record from last season, the Women's Team started the new year strong, facing Gwynedd-Mercy in the first round of Kean's Cougar Classic on Sat., Sept. 1.

With a team made up of 11 freshmen and just 3 seniors, the Mules managed to come out with an impressive victory, beating their opponent 4-0. Leading the way for the Mules was freshman Valerie Patriarca, who became the first freshman in Muhlenberg's history to score two goals in her first career game. Other young players chipped in as well, as freshman Kassandra Kist and sophomore Ashley O'Grady also found the back of the net.

The next day, the Mules found themselves playing a resilient Kean team. The first half saw the Mules outshooting and outscoring the Cougars, but Kean was not ready to give up. Despite two goals by sophomore Christine O'Grady and a goal by sophomore Kasey Hacker, the Cougars clawed their way back into the game, knotting the score at three apiece with just four seconds remaining in regulation. After an anticlimactic overtime, both teams went home settling for a tie.

The Men's Team also won their first game of the season, but with a team makeup very different from the women. With 11 upperclassmen, the men are excited to have an experienced team with already proven chemistry.

The two Captains for the men are senior Peter Bennett (goalkeeper) and junior Billy Dalton (central midfielder). Like the women, they kicked off their season with a victory. The Mules beat Gordon 2-0, with unassisted goals coming from sophomore Adison Weseloh and junior Steven Tenenzapf. Bennett made several key saves, and the team looks to be well on its way to an impressive season.

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An alternative option on campus

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

The C.A.S.E. House, located at 423 N. 23rd St., offers a venue for students to go without having to worry about the external and internal pressures of alcohol and substance use. The club C.A.S.E. (Clean and Sober Environment) was founded by Philip Lakin '09, Director of Recovery at Muhlenberg (R.A.M.), and Aaron Lawson '09, Director of C.A.S.E., who are both in recovery themselves. The club would not be able to run without the assistance of Amy Bauer '10, Director of Public Information, Brian Shomaker '09, Events Coordinator, Mike Cali '09, Treasurer, and Group Advisor Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services.

The idea for the club began when Lakin and Lawson applied for a mailbox in which they had wished to receive anonymous letters from fellow students with concerns about themselves or friends and the abuse or misuse of alcohol and substances.

Much to their surprise, only an official club can make such a request. So, they decided to turn their idea into a club.

However, C.A.S.E. isn't just any club; it is the first student led recovery house to exist at the College, and it is also one of the first in the country. While it is considered to be special-interest housing, and must be reapplied for every year, the ability to have this house seems to be creating more opportunities for C.A.S.E. to get students involved.

Lakin and Lawson said that the College, especially the staff of the Life Sports Center and Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs, have shown a tremendous amount of support in helping the club to get on its feet.

Lawson said, "The College, The Life Sports Center, and Chris Jachimowicz provided money through donations and grants for Lakin and I to attend the

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Certiifiably "green"

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

The New Science Building (NSB), officially opened last fall, has recently been certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. Based upon the rating system that LEED uses, the College received a silver certification. Richard Niesenbaum, Professor and Department Chair of Biology said, "This is a very high acknowledgment of our efforts to use sustainable building practices and design. This is quite an honor and recognizes The College's commitment to sustainability."

Some of the "green" features inside the NSB include: energy efficient design, use of natural light, the use of carpets, paints, and other materials with reduced chemical emissions, use of renewable construction materials, use of sustainable certified wood, external light pollution reduction, and

the use of green housekeeping materials, just to name a few.

The LEED certification provides third party verification that a building is "green" and that it is more environmentally responsible and healthy for its occupants than traditionally built buildings. Areas of key performance include sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

The decision to apply for the LEED certification was supported by all those involved in developing and designing the building in the first place including Bruce Anderson, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer, Marjorie Hass, College Provost and Professor of Philosophy, President Helm, and Richard Niesenbaum.

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Sustainability is here to stay

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Cara Owens was hired this month as the College's first Sustainability Coordinator. She officially began the job on Sept. 4. Owens received her Master of Science in Environmental Studies with a specialization in Conservation Biology from Antioch University New England in Keene, NH. Immediately before accepting her position as Sustainability Coordinator, she worked, and still currently works, as a project manager for a research project being conducted by Dr. Richard Niesenbaum, Professor and Department Chair of Biology. Additionally, Owens teaches a geographic information systems course.

Additional previous experience that Owens has includes project

work for non-profit conservation groups, including conducting natural resource inventories, tracking educational programs, and assisting with a bird-banding station. Prior to earning her Master's degree, she worked as a resource coordinator in Colorado.

Owens said, "I am just beginning as the Sustainability Coordinator, but plan to work with students and staff to increase sustainability on campus through a variety of approaches. Some particular areas of concern include energy conservation, reduction of green house gases produced by the College, waste reduction and an increase in recycling, and water conservation. Additionally, I hope to be an educational resource for both students and faculty."

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The officers of C.A.S.E. (from left) Philip Lakin '09, Mike Cali '09, Amy Bauer '10, Brian Shomaker '09 and Aaron Lawson '09, standing outside 423 23rd St. where 200 students attended a dance party that was held last weekend.

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"Extra! Extra! Read all about it..." on my digital device

The average student has an incredibly unhealthy attachment to today's technology. Going just a day or two without a cell phone is enough to cause a panic attack. Not even classes can get in the way. Students text under the desk and surreptitiously check messages while walking in and out or to and from. We can remember the days when cell phones were banned in middle and high schools, but now professors, too, take calls in class – when they are "really important."

What is it about today's standards that have suddenly made instant and constant contact a necessity? People are so worried about keeping in contact with others through fiber optic signals that they fail to recognize the importance of those standing right next to them.

Sometimes all you can think about is that next phone call you have to make or the text message you're waiting to receive from that special someone. Sometimes, life gets put on hold – pun intended – in order to satisfy our technological addictions.

As with any other addiction, people always need their fix, be it nicotine, alcohol or email. With the advent of iPhones, Blackberrys and Sidekicks, email is always available whether we want it to be or not. Because it's so readily accessible we feel the need to check it, recheck it and then check it again – just in case.

The digital era is here, how quickly will it consume our lives? As we get ready to send this paper to the printing press, we can't help but wonder when this digital addiction will "delete" the need for paper.

Though we cannot predict what the future will bring, we fear the day when *The Weekly* ceases to be distributed in Seegers and solely exists in the realm of the World Wide Web. There is something to be said about a paper to read on a commute home, a magazine to read on the beach and a book to highlight in preparation for tomorrow's class.

The digitization of these commonplace items is quickly approaching, and while we all look forward to playing with the newest gadgets, we wonder if there is a future for print media as we know it.

Fashion suitable for everyone

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

Like most of the female population at Muhlenberg, I found myself the Sunday evening before classes started standing in front of my closet and debating a massive dilemma: what to wear to my first day of classes? I needed to find an outfit that was comfortable, functional and pretty, but one that didn't scream that I was trying too hard or that I didn't care enough.

To my surprise, for the first time in my life, I actually considered wearing a dress to class.

Two or three years ago when I was in high school, wearing a dress to class was almost taboo. It just didn't happen. The staple for the first few weeks of school, while it was still warm, was short shorts or tiny jean skirts, sandals and a too-short tank top. And oftentimes, girls

did not have the bodies to pull all of that off, but wore it anyway.

These past two weeks that classes have been in session, I've noticed a surprising trend on Academic Row. I've seen flouncy, knee-length cotton skirts in all colors, Bermuda shorts, longer tank tops and even sun dresses. Instead of accessorizing with six inches of cleavage to walk to class, I've seen waist-cinching colorful belts and chunky necklaces. After discussing my observations with a few of my more fashion-forward teammates, I discovered that I was not imagining things. Girls have been choosing outfits for class that are a little more whimsical and imaginative than they would have in the past, and even have gone so far as to break out the occasional dress or two.

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I'll have a wrap, hold the crickets

By Skylar Charry
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

The mandatory meal plan for freshman and subsequent students that choose to live on campus should live up to its billing. At the conclusion of each semester, students find themselves begging their friends for 'swipes,' or using one full swipe for a bottle of water; the meal plan issue does not stop here. When a college decides to add the meal plan to tuition, there is an obligation to make sure that the food is sanitary, healthy, and enjoyable.

After spending the Spring 2007 semester in England and having survived cuisines such as Spotted Dick, Bubble & Squeak and Toad-in-the-Hole, I wasn't particularly concerned about reverse culture shock with regards to food.

Last Tuesday, I sat down for a typical 20-minute lunch in GQ with a handful of friends. Mid chow, I glanced at my half eaten wrap and discovered a dead, cricket-like insect marinated in honey mustard poking through. The lifeless bug was staring up at me, nestled comfortably between the pieces of lettuce. The nausea and goose bumps that ensued were endless.

I happen to be a big supporter of the organic food movement but not when my spring mix is fresh off of the field. I acknowledge and appreciate the fact that in some countries, insects are a delicacy, but in Allentown, Pa., they are not.

As a result of my fear factor-esque experience, I am extremely reluctant to eat on campus. My parents will have spent a substantial amount of money on the meal plan for food that I don't care to eat. It seems very appropriate that this school year happens to be the conclusion of the food contract with Sodexo.

I don't claim to be some sort of expert in dining services, but I do know that the college hires people who go to school and major in the field of this kind of management. My suggestion is that quality control should be of utmost importance to the employees and committees that spend their days toiling with these kinds of issues.

The aesthetic changes made to the Muhlenberg dining facilities are simply not enough. Jumbo jars of olives and peppers in front of the deli in GQ are not going to ensure that the food passed over the glass partition is actually sanitary.

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Iraq War:

President Bush always has the final word



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I am losing track of how many articles I have written about the war in Iraq over the past three years. Writing a column about world news and politics makes the war a topic that's impossible to ignore. A war is always going to be in the headlines, and now, especially with a critical report on the progress of the war on

the horizon, it is an issue that demands coverage.

General David H. Petraeus, the top military commander in Iraq and Ryan C. Cooker, the American ambassador in Iraq, are scheduled to appear before a joint session of the House Armed Services and International Relations Committee on Monday. They then are planning on holding a press conference on Wednesday to describe the results of President Bush's troop increase, which took place roughly eight months ago. Most experts are expecting the announcement to conclude relatively uneven military results and still a lack of desired political progress.

Democrats are pre-emptively attacking the report given by the general because of a feeling he may attempt to put the most positive spin possible on a continually difficult situation.

Petraeus is in a situation where he is basically being forced to grade his own report card and Democrats are afraid this will taint the message given to Congress on Monday and

the American people on Wednesday.

It is generally expected that President Bush will encourage maintaining troop levels, although new reports indicate he may be open to small troop withdrawals beginning next spring, which would likely be necessary anyway due to strains on the American military manpower.

Congressional Democrats have basically resigned themselves to the fact that this is President Bush's war, and it is going to go the course he wants it to. It is clear that the Democrats will never be able to rally enough votes to override any of his vetoes, putting the burden of successes and more heavily, the failures, squarely on the President's and his administration's shoulders.

Whether you support an immediate or phased withdrawal, or simply staying the course until Iraq becomes a more peaceful nation, it is necessary to recognize that not

much is going to change until a new President is elected. President Bush will be remembered for this war, and he has accepted that fact. Whether that makes him tough or just stubborn is up to you to decide.

Certainly from an outsider's perspective, the nation of Iraq looks like a country at civil war. It looks like a country that has deep-seeded tensions and divisions that may be better off being split into three separate loosely affiliated states.

It isn't shameful to think that the American military can't unify two warring sects of Islam, which have been at each other's throat for the past century on the streets of Iraq.

General Petraeus is going to make a statement this week. Members of Congress are going to make countless statements this week, yet everything they say will just be words, only one person is going to have his statements acted upon and that for, better or worse is President Bush.

Wrong reactions over right to return

By Nadine Goldman
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Israeli police recently arrested nine members of a neo-Nazi group in Petach Tikvah. The members of this neo-Nazi ring were Russian-born, non-Jewish immigrant youths, who were admitted into the country with their families under the Right of Return, an Israeli law that grants immediate eligibility for citizenship to any immigrant with at least one Jewish grandparent. The youths were indicted on Monday on charges of synagogue vandalism and brutal beatings of Orthodox Jews, homosexuals and foreign laborers, all of which were proudly videotaped by the group members themselves.

The general reaction by Israelis, Jews and Gentiles worldwide has been utter shock. Who could imagine that a neo-Nazi group would find shelter to cause violence and spread their so-called Aryan ideals in the Jewish homeland? Most shocking of all is the revelation by Police Inspector, General David Cohen, that there are dozens of neo-Nazi groups in Israel.

So what to do? Naturally, the reactions are varied. Predictably, there are Knesset members on all sides of the political spectrum trying to use the incident to their political advantage. On one hand, long-time opponents of the controversial Right of Return are seizing this incident as an opportunity to overturn it. MK Ahmed Tibi wasted no time asserting that "the Law of Return, which bars Arab spouses [coming to Israel] from the Palestinian Authority, brings in bigots," and calling for its overhaul. Members of the National Religious Party such as MK Zevulun Orlev reacted in the completely opposite direction, proposing an amendment to get rid of the grandparent clause of the Right of Return, limiting who could be admitted as a Jew. Then there are calls across political stripes for the revocation of the neo-Nazis citizenship and deportation from the country.

The Right of Return is a controversial law, but the calls to reform it or do away with it are not solu-

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tions. Although the Right of Return has its shortcomings, Israel's immigration laws have allowed it to become a haven for Jews, Gentiles, immigrants from the former Soviet Union and refugees, particularly Ethiopian and Sudanese. To make such radical amendments in response to a single isolated incident is bad public policy.

Besides, in this situation, the problem is less that the neo-Nazis were able to enter the country, but that they committed dangerous criminal acts and it is known that there are other neo-Nazi groups already in Israel who could do the same thing. Radical amendments to the Right of Return aren't going to affect the groups that are already active in Israel.

Instead, these neo-Nazi youths should be prosecuted as criminals. They should be put on trial with their Nazi paraphernalia. Evidence on videotapes clearly features their members breaking a bottle over the head of a foreign worker whose only "crime" was talking on a public telephone, and mercilessly beating a heroin addict for being a Jew and the testimonies of ordinary citizens like Nahum Taub, whose synagogue was spray-painted with swastikas and

who was personally attacked by members of the group. The court should decide a punishment appropriate for the perpetrators of hate crimes.

In terms of preventative measures, Israeli society needs to rethink how it adsorbs immigrants into the country. It has been suggested that these youths were fueled by their inability to assimilate into society.

Those on either extreme of the ideological spectrum who learn of this situation and rush to change the Right to Return are ignoring the actual problem by pointing fingers...

Israeli police also need to further investigate the other known neo-Nazi groups. And the most

effective immigration reform is not a thorough examination of a potential immigrant's family history for Jewish grandparents, but a criminal background check.

Those on either extreme of the ideological spectrum who learn of this situation and rush to change the Right of Return are ignoring the actual problem by pointing fingers to advance their personal political agendas. If there's anything that we have learned over the past six years, it's that a small group of people with a murderous ideology pose a real threat to the country that harbors it.

It's time for the Knesset members to stop twisting this incident for personal gain and actually work to solve it.

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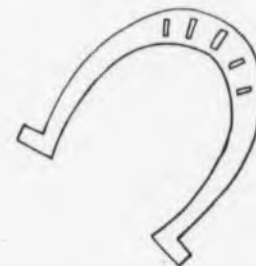
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FASHION FROM PAGE 2

I do realize that the return to a more conservative style of dress has been a gradual transformation for a few seasons now, but these past two weeks have been the first time I've seen it done without making college-aged girls look like they've raided their mothers' closets.

Honestly, I think that new fashion change is refreshing. The best part of this new fashion upheaval is that, unlike the highly revealing styles of the recent past, these new styles are more figure flattering for all body types.

The fall runways showed knee-length skirts paired with colorful tights that drew attention to the legs, cozy fur shawls that would drive PETA activists into a rage, highlighted graceful necklines and warmed up outfits appropriate for chillier weather.

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Could it be that fashion today is heating up by covering up?

I applaud the girls of Muhlenberg for keeping their daywear classy and fun.

And although I initially considered wearing a dress to the first day of classes, I didn't. I wore Bermuda shorts, a t-shirt and my favorite sunglasses.

Now that I've seen the new styles, I'm regretting my choice because the dress would have been a fun way to start off the semester.

No matter my decision, it's just wonderful for everyone that the era of trashy Britney Spears is over.

CASE

FROM PAGE 1

Addiction Institute (A.S.I.) in Columbus, Ohio over the summer. Attending this week long conference has become a major influence in how C.A.S.E. is establishing itself in a college environment. Now, C.A.S.E. is not only providing venues that break the college stereotype of drugs and alcohol, but is also changing the way that a community deals with the disease of addiction. It is amazing to see students no longer afraid to say the words 'addict' or 'alcoholic', because they now have knowledge and confidence knowing that 'recovery' is a hopeful alternative way of living for themselves, their friend, or their family member. What was once considered a 'character flaw', is now being seen and treated by the community as any other medical disease."

It is important for people to understand that "both C.A.S.E. and R.A.M. (Recovery at Muhlenberg) will never condemn anyone or preach on how to live. R.A.M. exists solely to show students that anyone who is willing to can stop using, lose the desire to use, and find a new way to live through the 12-Step recovery. The C.A.S.E. club and house host events where anyone can show up and rest assured they will be safe and that there will be no drugs or alcohol," said Lakin.

R.A.M. is provided through C.A.S.E. R.A.M. hosts local support groups and speakers on campus that share their experiences with addiction. There are two kinds of R.A.M. meetings, both of which are anonymous and meet on a regular basis.

Open meetings are peer

C.A.S.E. isn't just any club; it is the first student led recovery house to exist at the College, and it is also one of the first in the country.

information sessions wherein people obtain directories for all locally established 12-step fellowships, share their experience on living with a close friend or relative who is an addict or

alcoholic, or learn about recovery in general. Closed meetings are support groups wherein recovering addicts and alcoholics from the College community can share their experience, strength and hope with one another.

Those that think they may have a drug or alcohol problem can gain knowledge about 12-step recovery by attending either kind of meetings. Also, just like the 12 step fellowships R.A.M. introduces people to, it works by attraction rather than promotion and no one will ever be forced to go to either kind of meeting.

Lakin and Lawson are not certified professionals, but do have the experience to listen to people's stories and guide anyone who feels they may have a problem to services and programs that are certified, such as 12-Step Fellowships, which are not available on campus, but throughout the outside community.

"A common problem on college campuses is that students who make drinking and drug use a major part of their lives tend to surround themselves with similar people. This creates a false perception that there are no alternatives to these behaviors on college campuses. Throughout high school, all the people with whom I associated with encouraged drinking and using drugs; therefore, I assumed that everyone at college lived a similar lifestyle.

When I started recovery 16 months ago, I discovered that this was not the case. There are hundreds of students on this campus alone who can have a fun time without using and C.A.S.E. provides an environment in which these people can meet and not feel pressured to use," said Lakin.

The club is also a place for people who have friends or family members that abuse alcohol and or substances. According to Bauer, having the house is a good way to let the College community know that there are ways to cope with issues such as these.

One way in which the club has already reached out to the College as a whole was when it held Student Advisor and Resident Advisor training

sessions before the start of the semester. Advisors were informed on what they should look for in a student who may need help and who they should contact in order to get that help. Though C.A.S.E. is a student run and motivated program, it

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Philip Lakin '09

works in close conjunction with Counseling Services and could never have come to be without the help of Anita Kelly.

The club and its members do not judge people who use drugs or drink in any way. All are welcome to C.A.S.E. social events regardless of what they do before or after as long as they have no substances on them or are a threat to themselves or others.

While the club is focusing on and having meetings mostly about alcohol and substance abuse right now, they hope to expand the types of meetings that they have in the future. Addiction is a serious disease that can affect people emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually.

This disease can have an influence in areas such as gambling, eating disorders, and sex. These are just some of the other addictions that C.A.S.E. would like to provide help for in the future.

The goal of the club events is to bring people together that might not normally attend the same event or party on a weekend into a relaxed environment; last weekend's dance party attracted 200 students alone.

The club hopes to host three or four events per month including milkshake parties, movie nights, dance parties, live entertainment, and possibly even a "Hangover Saturday Breakfast." Both R.A.M. and C.A.S.E. can be found on Facebook.com under CASE.

GREEN

FROM PAGE 1

The NSB is only one part of a larger commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility that President Helm made three years ago when he established the Campus Greening Committee. The committee is made up of students, faculty, administrators, and staff and has so far focused on improved campus recycling, reduced paper use, and energy efficiency and conservation in addition to green building practice.

When asked for his thoughts on both the NSB and the LEED certification President Helm said, "I am beaming with pride about our LEED Silver classification - it is terrific that the College was willing to show this degree of commitment to sustainability in such a tangible, visible way. The decision to build a sustainable science building was made deliberately - not only because it was the responsible thing to do in terms of environmental stewardship, but because it would set an example for other institutions. Obviously, we succeeded!"

In addition to having this new sustainable building on campus, the College has just recently hired Cara Owens, Campus Sustainability Coordinator. She will have the responsibility and opportunity to work with

the College in furthering its greening projects.

Having a sustainable building such as this requires different maintenance from the other academic buildings on campus. Michael Brewer, Director of Plant Operations said, "The use of heat recovery wheels, coupled with fume hood controls adds a degree of complexity to the building controls. Members of the department monitor the building parameters to insure that the building is running as designed." Brewer is thrilled about the enthusiastic reaction of the College community to the new and renovated space.

While there are not any current LEED projects taking place on campus at this time, Anderson commented that, "the College is encouraging the contractor [of the Village project] to follow many of the same sustainable practices like recycling the construction waste."

While LEED certification is still considered to be rare, more and more College and University campuses across the country are applying for construction projects to become LEED certified.

"The New Science Building teaches that one can build responsibly, and reminds us that it is possible to improve our standard of living and work with reduced impact on the environment," said Niesenbaum.



The New Science Building received a Silver Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification on Sept. 5, 2007.

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Phi Kappa Tau: Reviewed and in question

By Joe Beninati
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

With Recruitment Week 2007 just concluding, members of the College community will have noticed that Phi Kappa Tau was not able to accept new members this semester. This is due to an incident that occurred late last semester. One of the brothers was selling marijuana for two years while he living at the Phi Tau on-campus house; a house deemed substance free. As a result of this, drug dealing criminals from Allentown entered the house and committed an assault and robbery on the brother.

In the weeks following, extra security had to be brought in to help secure the safety of the brothers and it was determined that the fraternity had lost touch with its ideals laid forth by Nationals. Thus, the Judicial Board initially chose to expel the specific brother and indefinitely suspend the fraternity. The

brothers of the fraternity appealed this decision, but the sanction was kept, which forced the brothers to appeal the decision to President Helm. The last appeal to Helm yielded different results, as the President thought the new ideas brought forth from the brothers clearly indicated that they wanted to change the way they up kept the internal rules of the fraternity. The result of the various appeals, cooperation of PKT members, and the decisions of their Nationals resulted in stipulations that must be upheld by Phi Kappa Tau or they risk being kicked off campus permanently.

The first of these sanctions is one of two things; either all brothers who have purchased marijuana must give themselves up and report to the College's Judicial Process or all brothers will be open to random drug testing through the end of 2009. The cost of all these tests will be covered by the

brothers themselves. The next set of consequences was actually decided upon by the brothers themselves. They first decided to pay back some of the costs of the extra security that was needed last year. They volunteered to cancel their Fall 2007 recruitment so that they can refocus on the fraternities' ideals. They chose to subject themselves to a membership review as well

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President Helm

as having a live-in Residential Consultant, approved by Chris Jachimowicz, the Director of Student Leadership Development & Greek Affairs, to provide an example of leadership in the

house. The public areas inside the house will also be subject to random searches at least twice each semester until the end of 2009. There are several more items imposed against PKT, all designed to council and guide the fraternity in the right direction, such as leadership development and a new policy for the use of controlled substances at off-campus locations.

To highlight the severity of the situation, President Helm said, "It is not yet clear that PKT will survive at the College. It is clear that a significant number of the brothers put their own interests above those of the fraternity. That is not the sign of a strong organization."

The fraternity must remove those members who are not willing to live up to the principles that the National, the alumni, and the undergraduate leadership claim characterize PKT and the members who remain must provide a stellar example of positive fra-

ternal values if the chapter is to continue here. There is no longer any margin for error."

Jachimowicz believes that PKT suffered from a common misconception that fraternities are used as a means to party. Thus, they lost touch with the values that have been established by Nationals. He agrees with President Helm: "If people just want to party then we don't need them," said Jachimowicz. People that use frats for this purpose hurt all fraternities. Jachimowicz believes that people should use fraternities to complement their involvement with the College. The PKT reorganization is beneficial, as it will weed out the people misusing the frat. Jachimowicz hope that this refocusing will cause a change not only in the PKT organization, but also in the rest of the Greek organizations on campus and he is "excited to see where they are going."



The college just ended its 2007 formal recruitment for sorority greek life on campus. In an email sent out to members of greek life after recruitment, Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Greek Life, said that "sorority recruitment week ended with great success." He continued to explain that registration was up 20% from 2006. A new online registration website was used which could have helped the process and numbers stay high. On the last night of recruitment, 107 women were still in the process, again, a 20% increase from last year. Jachimowicz said they "matched an amazing 105 women with sororities. Of those 105, 99 received a match with their first choice sorority. These are exceptional numbers." Samantha Lenore '08, Vice President of Panhellenic Council, and predominately in charge of this years recruitment said, "Recruitment went so well because there was ideal teamwork on Panhellenic Council this year. We had a great mentor thanks to Chris Jachimowicz, a committed executive team willing to stay up all hours of the night, and a great group of potential new members eager to learn more about the Greek community."

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Cara Owens, located in the New Science Building, is eager to begin working with students and staff on campus greening projects.

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OWENS FROM PAGE 1

While she believes that that College is already moving towards greater sustainability, particularly through the efforts of the Greening Committee and student groups like EnAct, Owens is excited to be part of furthering these goals to increase conservation and reduce consumption here on campus.

Since Owens was only hired this month, she was unable to participate in the construction of the New Science Building and the application for LEED certification; however, she understands and recognizes the importance of having a certification such as this.

Owens commented, "Earning LEED certification is a big achievement and demonstrates the College's commitment to environmental responsibility and to the health of students. I expect the number of LEED certifications to

increase as we all learn more about the need to achieve greater sustainability and to lessen negative impacts on our environment."

When asked what areas of the College she believes could use some work in terms of sustainability Owens replied, "There is always room for improvement! I think a large area of focus will be energy conservation and increasing energy efficiency."

Not only will this reduce the College's contribution to pollution and global warming, but it will also result in cost savings. Beyond that, I want to hear from students about priorities and ideas for becoming more sustainable."

Owens cannot stress enough that the success of the College depends on everyone in the College community. "The more that people are involved, the more of an impact a sustainability movement will have," Owens said.

Correction:

In the Sept. 6 edition, we misnamed the titles of Beth Halpern and Kate Cartwright. They are the Director and Assistant Director of the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement. We regret the error.

A candlelight vigil for September 11, 2001



It is hard to believe that it has already been six years since the September 11th terrorist attacks on the United States, but as students, faculty, and other members of the College community gathered in Memorial Hall on Tuesday night for an anniversary vigil, it was easy to see that the event that occurred on that tragic day is still fresh on everyone's minds. The audience listened to anecdotes from students and Peter Bradlau, College Chaplain, as well as a short speech from President Helm, who reminded everyone about four alumni of the College who lost their lives on that day. The brief ceremony closed with the playing of Taps and the removal of the American flag, leaving time for everyone to personally reflect during a moment of silence. Despite the years that have past since Sept. 11, 2001, it still remains a day which will always be remembered throughout the country.

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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to steam from the shower on 2442 Tilghman Street.

Sept. 3 - Injured Student - A student stood up and cracked his head on something in the costume shop in Trexler Pavillion. He was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to cooking at the Phi Mu house on 330 N. 22nd Street.

Sept. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to burnt popcorn on the first floor annex of Prosser Hall.

Sept. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in the Center for the Arts but it was reset before an officer could find which alarm had sounded.

Sept. 4 - Injured Student - A student on the 2nd floor of Brown Hall cut two of her fingers while cutting an item. She was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 4 - Disorderly Conduct - A student was picking fights with other

students on the 2nd floor of Prosser Hall. That student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off at 2202 Gordon Street because a student sprayed dishwashing liquid on stove top burners which had been turned on.

Sept. 5 - Disorderly Conduct - A male student in Prosser Hall was yelling profanity and throwing things inside his locked room. He was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 5 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle was parked illegally in the faculty lot and had a total of \$555 in parking tickets. That vehicle has been booted until the parking fees are paid.

Sept. 5 - Theft - Four pillows have been stolen from the Hoffman House and have not yet been found.

Sept. 5 - Theft - A student reported that a large portfolio case was stolen from the Center for the Arts. The contents of the portfolio were found on Sept. 10. The portfolio has still not been found.

Sept. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to dust in the Life Sports Center.

Sept. 6 - Drug Abuse - A student on the fourth floor of Walz Hall was found smoking marijuana in his room and has now been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 7 - Underage Consumption - A student was arrested on Chew Street for public intoxication and possession of false identification. He has also been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 7 - Possession of False Identification - A student was arrested at Maingate for possession of a false identification card. She has also been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 7 - Theft - Two female students had their purses stolen at Maingate. The purses were found and most of the property has been returned.

Sept. 7 - Simple Assault - A student was arrested for assaulting another at Starter's Pub in Bethlehem. He has also been referred to

the Judicial Process.

Sept. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn on the 3rd floor of South Hall.

Sept. 8 - Disorderly Conduct - There was an unauthorized, unregistered party with alcohol at 2245 Chew St. Students were found on top of the roof porch. These students failed to comply with officers and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 417 Leh Street.

Sept. 8 - Residential Policy - Masking tape was found covering a fire alarm detector on the third floor of Brown Hall. The masking tape has been removed.

Sept. 8 - Dispatch Code - A neighbor called about a student walking into his house looking for another student. The student was picked up and the matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 9 - Underage Consumption - An intoxi-

cated student became sick and was transported to the hospital. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 9 - Disorderly Conduct - A student was physically and verbally harassed in the Prosser Quad. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 9 - Theft - Four flower pots were stolen from the ground floor of the Haas College Center. They have been valued at \$30 a piece and have not yet been found.

Sept. 9 - Institutional Vandalism - Writing in black marker was found on the bathroom wall on the 3rd floor of Walz Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to the cooking of fried chicken at 2241 Liberty Street.

Sept. 9 - Disorderly Conduct - A student was grabbed by another student in Prosser Quad. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

WEEKLY

Life!

"The truth is that all of us attain the greatest success and happiness possible in this life whenever we use our native capacities to their greatest extent."

-Anonymous

Student musicians rock Seegers Union

By Jack Powers
WEEKLY **LIFE!** WRITER

The students of the College were given their first taste of the new talent on campus, as well as some old favorites this past weekend in Seegers Union.

Seegers was graced with the musical talents of several student artists who charmed their audiences with their original or covered lyrical genius and their unmistakable personalities.

The weekend opened Friday night with a performance at the Seegers couches. The headliner was Jason LeVasseur, a traveling artist who has been named "2007 Best Small Venue Artist" by *Campus Activities Magazine*.

With a comfortable personality and mix of contemporary and original pieces that were predominately stronger instrumentally than

vocally, I would say that he lived up to his reputation.

His music was lyrically driven, which enabled the audience to be more engaged with the performance. LaVasseur's performance created a relaxing atmosphere, a good place for one to spend a Friday evening.

Max Seidman '11, followed LeVasseur's act with a mix of original pieces and cover songs on his guitar and harmonica. His vocal style was similar to any of the known contemporary indie/soft rock musicians.

Truth be told, Seidman's singing was a little less than satisfying, but his skilled and energetic guitar playing and chill stage presence made his routine thoroughly enjoyable.

Next up was Grant Harris '10 on piano, vocals, and

swanky headgear. Another performance that was perhaps less than wonderful on the singing, but was jazzed up to "superfunky" with Harris key-pickin' and care-free personality.

Harris also had a variety of original songs and covers (in particular, a couple fun Beatles tunes) for the audience that evening, and exited the stage with an appropriate high note wail during his performance.

Another talented act was Mike Usher '09, on vocals and guitar. He showcased his talents through a variety of musical genres; he even performed an adapted rap song.

His vocals were a bit like Dave Matthews, with his own flavor mixed in. Usher's performance was followed by another Mike of the freshman sort, Mike Bloom '11.

Bloom is a talented musician who captivated the audience with his fun, quirky personality. One audience member even commented on the "great background/ hangout" sound of his music.

The night ended with music from Teddy Lytle '10 and Sam Swan '10. Their act was highlighted by Lytle's finger pickin' good guitar skills and Swan's very effective use of his fiddle.

There were many acts and all the performances were lots of fun, but the unfortunate lack of audience slightly dampened the mood, so next performance, all students should come and support all of the College's talent.

Clockwise: Sam Swan '10, Max Seidman '11 and Teddy Lytle '10 perform along with other talented students this past Friday.

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Long distance love: Is it worth the wait?

By Erin Futrovsky
WEEKLY LIFE COLUMNIST

Long-distance relationships suck. Honestly, there's no real reason to beat around the bush here. Whoever said that absence makes the heart grow fonder must have been talking about either warm weather or an alcoholic beverage.

I have a lot of respect for you if you can withstand weeks or months without the hand-holding, the lovey-dovey kisses, the face-to-face heart-to-hearts or the sex. Five hour phone conversations may work for you and your significant other, but they may not work for your roommate or your GPA, for that matter.

If you can go out on a Friday night and turn down someone who is giving you one of the most obvious "I-will-totally-sexile-my-roommate-for-you-tonight" looks that you have ever seen, I give you a massive amount of credit.

Checking in with your parents a couple of times a week is tough enough. To feel obligated to type a 900 word report via instant message of your every move to the guy or girl your dating seems like torture.

Isn't this time in our lives supposed to be about experimenting?

Finding out what makes you tick? Realizing what turns you on? Harmless flirting? Trying to comprehend why that guy you gave your number to last week at that party hasn't called you, while simultaneously wondering how the hell he got your roommate's number?

Like everything else, there are pros to the whole long-distance thing, too. We learn a lot in college, whether or not you want to admit it. When you lovebirds are reunited, there is no denying that you will have a lot to tell

each other.

There are those sex tips from your sorority sisters. And you can't forget about that obnoxious couple in your Philosophy class who wear matching t-shirts that say "I'm Yours" with arrows pointing to each other.

And who doesn't dream about that scene from every romantic movie that they have ever watched. The one where the characters run into each others' arms after months of being apart, as time freezes.

Or maybe, reality check, you end up making out in your driveway, as your parents discuss their next plan for breaking you two up. Either one works...

In all seriousness, if you are lucky enough to have someone who loves you enough to want to be with you whether or not you spend every waking second together, congratulations! I can see why you would want to put forth

the effort to stay in a relationship with this person throughout college.

If you know that this person is worth the lonely nights, the long-distance phone bills and the sexless-ness, then I wish you the best of luck in all of your relationship endeavors.

So, Muhlenberg, if there is not enough glue in Staples to hold you two together for the next four years then speak now or forever hold your peace.

Don't limit yourself to an unfulfilling long distance relationship just for the sake of being in one. A real relationship should be about two people who care for and support each other no matter how far apart they are.

So, if the sizzle is there with what you have now, hold on to it. Otherwise, let it go and search for someone closer in every way. And while you search, remember to make the best of this college experience. Go big or go home.

LOVE
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOUR LIFE HAD A THEME SONG, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"The theme song from 2001: A Space Odyssey."
-Scott Rodriguez '08



"Hands down - the James Bond theme song."
-Matthew Howard '11



"'Standing Still' by Jewel."
-Victor's Lament



"'Bitch' by Meredith Brooks."
-Pamela Lehrman '09



"'Tequila,' because I was named after it!"
-Quila Israelson '10

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



3:10 to Yuma

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Balls of Fury

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Bourne Ultimatum

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Brave One

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Halloween

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Dragon Wars

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 9:50
Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

The Nanny Diaries

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Superbad

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
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The Lookout:

A movie to look out for

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Before seeing *The Lookout*, one might be tempted to say that it will probably appeal mostly to fans of the thriller genre. Though, upon viewing this recently released "diamond in the rough" DVD, one would probably change that opinion to say that this film transcends all genres and appeals to the vast majority of film-goers.

Scott Frank makes his directorial debut with a bang. Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Jeff Daniels and Matthew Goode all star in this film about a teenager with an extremely bright future whose life is turned upside down, and guilt leads him into a plot to rob a bank.

Gordon-Levitt, whom you may remember from the movie *Angels in*

the Outfield and TV show "3rd Rock from the Sun" makes his breakthrough performance as Chris "Slapshot" Pratt. Pratt, a former promising hockey player who, due to a devastating mistake which claimed the life of others, is now handicapped and wants nothing more than to take back his mistake.

Frank, who also wrote the screenplay, not only takes us through the struggles that Pratt must deal with, but the struggles of those around him to understand, or accept the fact that he is now disabled.

The only person that seems to appreciate Pratt's plight is his blind friend and mentor, Lewis, played wonderfully by Daniels. Due to his physical and mental difficulties, Pratt is relegated to being the night janitor of a bank.

It appears that Pratt will proba-

bly be stuck where he is because very few people are willing to give him a chance to move up in life. But one person does show up who is willing to give Pratt a chance.

This character's name is Gary Spargo (Goode), a brash man in his mid-twenties, who hints at having a dark side. Spargo draws Pratt into his circle with the allure of friendship and romance.

Pratt quickly buys into this guise and it's not long before the viewer is able to see what Spargo's real intention is; he plans to rob the bank that Pratt works at. Spargo is not able to make the plan work without the help of Pratt. An odd twist of fate gives the film an exciting and unpredictable plot line.

We see Spargo take advantage of Pratt's vulnerability by using his guilt to lure him in, along with the

promise of getting his old life back. It's not long before Pratt buys into this scheme.

The last 45 minutes of *The Lookout* is some of the most thrilling, and intense motion picture magic of any recent heist film that has been made. It appears that Frank has wonderful potential as a director and Gordon-Levitt has hopefully gotten the break he needs to be noticed as a truly talented actor.

There are so many wonderful aspects of this film and one that should not be overlooked is the fantastic score by James Newton Howard. The music enralls you almost as much as the plotline.

This movie is a must see. It will keep you captivated and you will be ensnared by the suspense and action of this one-of-a-kind bank robbery drama.

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Actress Halle Berry announced that she is three months pregnant with model/boyfriend, Gabriel Aubry's baby. Berry announced a statement to television show, *Access Hollywood* saying, "Yes, I am three months pregnant! Gabriel and I are beyond excited, and I've waited a long time for this moment in my life. Now the next seven months will be the longest of my life!"

Paris Hilton made headlines by accidentally confirming the well known fact that Christina Aguilera is in fact, pregnant. Aguilera herself has never confirmed, or released any statement over the recent media speculation that she is expecting. While at club LAX in Las Vegas, Paris took the stage and said, "I want everyone to say 'Congratulations' to the most beautiful pregnant woman in the world, Christina Aguilera. You're gorgeous!" Aguilera's response was supposedly quite shocked.

"Full House" star, twenty-five year old Jodie Sweetin, who played Stephanie Tanner, has announced her pregnancy. Jodie and her husband, Cody Herpin, were married recently in Las Vegas. The former child television star and her husband released a sonogram of her

baby to celebrity gossip website, TMZ.com.

Current Events:

Lindsay Lohan's father, Michael Lohan, visited Lindsay in Rehab. Lindsay has been in Utah at the Cirque Lodge since July, when she was arrested for her second DUI. No word from Lindsay on how the reunion went, but her father released the statement, "I can't comment on my relationship with my daughter," he said, "But [the reunion] was amazing." Many find this comment interesting as he has been a permanent feature on celebrity news shows commenting on his relationship with his daughter, and his family, since his release from prison.

A photographer filed a report against actor Jude Law in London. The photographer claimed that Law tried to fight his camera off of him, while calling him a "pedophile." Law allegedly attacked the photographer for taking incessant pictures of his children, and later turned himself into the police. This is not the first time that Law has had altercations with the paparazzi over his children.

Nude and other suggestive photographs of Disney's *High School Musical* star, Vanessa Hudgens, surfaced on the internet last week. Despite previous speculation that the photographs were taken for boyfriend Zac Efron, more recently

there has been gossip that the pictures were taken when she was sixteen for her then boyfriend, *Nickelodeon* star, Drake Bell. Following the incident, Hudgens confirmed that the pictures were in fact her, and apologized to her fans for the release. A representative for Bell said that he never received the photographs.

Britney Spears' much anticipated "comeback" performance at the MTV VMA'S, left many both shocked and saddened for this obvious career blunder. Spears opened the show performing her new single, "Gimme More" Spears, who lip-synched poorly, wore almost nothing, and barely danced through the song.

The hype before the show had many excited, especially as it had been believed that there would be a magic element performed with magician Criss Angel, which never

actually occurred.

Many witnessed the awkward performance, and the responses in the audience showed that the artists were shocked by the lackluster performance. When asked about her performance, Kanye West was quoted as saying, "I have no words."

Spears supposedly ran off the stage and began immediately crying, aware of the unfortunate performance. The following day, Spears had yet another altercation with the media, by being photographed Sunday, without wearing any underwear, yet again, while in a car with her brother Bryan, who was in Las Vegas with her.



In our first celebrity photo we have: Sara Horowitz '08, Juliann Gilbert '08, Navah Meller '08, and Alex Mangini '08, with *Die Hard* actor, Jonathan Sadowski at the red carpet, summer premiere of *Live Free or Die Hard!*

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Zack's guide to Week 3 in college football

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

No. 1 USC @ No. 14 Nebraska

After a close game against last year's ACC Champ, Wake Forest, Nebraska gets one more chance to defeat the most dominant team this decade, as the Trojans visit Lincoln. Nebraska's running game might be one of the best that the Trojans face all season, led by Junior running-back Marlon Lucky (323 rush yds., 4 TD's). Defensively, the Cornhuskers have allowed 13.5 ppg. Although many think USC will score much more than that, it has yet to be seen how good the Trojan's offense really is. They put up 38 points on lowly Idaho, but other than a highlight reel catch by Vidal Hazelton, they didn't seem all that impressive. Defensively, the Trojans project to be one of the best. However, they haven't been tested. Part of me wants to pick against the Trojans, partly because I believe Nebraska is a really good team. However, I think USC pulls away in the fourth quarter, continuing their run to another appearance in the national title game.

Prediction: USC 31, Nebraska 20

No. 10 Ohio State @ Washington

What once looked like an easy victory for the Buckeyes now looks like a very tough road test, as Washington just came off a big victory over previously-ranked Boise State. Freshman quarterback Jake Locker looks to be the real deal for the Huskies, as he has accounted for 502 total yards and four touchdowns (3 rushing) in the past two games. However, Locker will face his toughest test with a Buckeye Defense still trying to get the bad taste of last year's national championship game out of their collective mouth. Middle Linebacker James Laurinaitis leads a defense that leads the country in total defense, and has only allowed two field goals all season. Granted, Washington will be their first true test, but the defense looks hungry to continue what they've been doing. It will be the defense of OSU that will prevail, and allow the Buckeyes to go 3-0 for the season.

Prediction: OSU 24, Washington 13

No. 21 Boston College @ No. 15 Georgia Tech

Georgia Tech enters this game off of two routs (Notre Dame, Samford), as they have run for an incredible 327 yards per game. That should change as they take on a much better defense in Boston College. The Eagles have allowed only 58 total yards on the ground in two games against Wake Forest and NC State, meaning one will have to give this Saturday. The quarterback duel should be interesting as well. BC quarterback Matt Ryan is one of the best in the ACC, while Taylor Bennett is starting his fourth game. It will be interesting to see how the young signal caller from Georgia Tech does in replacing the inconsistent Reggie Ball. I look for GT to continue their run, especially with running-back Tashard Choice running the football.

Prediction: Georgia Tech 27, Boston College

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Eagles give away victory at Lambeau

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Philadelphia Eagles opened up their 2007 campaign at Green Bay this past Sunday. Unfortunately, they left with a big "one" in their loss column, as they lost 16-13. In the process, Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre tied John Elway for most career wins as a starter, with 148. However, he hardly earned the victory, as the Eagles stuttered offensively, and were atrocious on special teams.

Offensively, the Eagles gained only 283 yards and were riddled by dropped balls all game. Even running-back Brian Westbrook, who is regarded as the Eagles' most valuable player, dropped a couple of passes. Quarterback Donovan McNabb didn't help the cause as he threw an interception and, in general, looked rusty in his first game back since mid-season last year.

The offensive line wasn't spectacular either, as they were pushed around by the Packers' front four all game. However, they generated

enough offense to win this game, if you don't count the blunders of the punt return team.

Wide receiver Greg Lewis and J.R. Reed both fumbled punts, giving Green Bay their only touchdown and a game-winning field goal. What was most disturbing is that Reed had no excuse to try and even field the ball that he did, as he dove for a ball that was clearly going to hit the ground. But instead of getting the ball back for a final drive for the offense, he made the biggest mistake of any player in week one.

What was encouraging was the play of the defense, as they held Green Bay's offense to only 46 yards rushing, and 215 yards of total offense. They forced a fumble and an interception, and did not allow an offensive touchdown. This defense is certainly a formidable presence, especially in the secondary with Dawkins, Sheppard, Brown, and Considine. Unfortunately, their performance this week will be in vain. The Eagles' next opponent is the Washington Redskins, this Monday at 8:30 p.m.

Fall Break

All college owned and leased houses,
apartments, and residence halls are closing
on October 12th at 6:00 p.m. and will re-
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The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

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- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
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If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at: www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, October 1st. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

"One of the best backs in the Conference"

Mule Profile: Jonathan Kliewer

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Jonny Kliewer is more than your average senior varsity athlete. His teammates will do more than bid him a fair adieu when

he is finished with his final season, they will do more than congratulate him on his accomplishments, and they will do more than hand him a plaque at the end-of-season barbeque.

Instead, they will all remember him for his tenacity, capability, and domination of the soccer field, for while other athletes are being rewarded for their points per season, Jonny is being rewarded for other things.

"I guess sometimes you get rewarded for your work on the field – not scoring the most goals or having the most assists, but for having a big presence," said teammate, junior Greg Leischner. "Jonny is a defender who also attacks for us...he is extremely dangerous when he goes on offense, and other teams have a really hard time stopping him. He is also one of our best defenders. It will be really hard to replace a player like him."

In recent years, Jonny has secured all-Conference honors for his success on the Muhlenberg Men's Soccer Team, and also received Defensive Player of the Year in his high school conference during both his junior and senior years. Additionally in high school, he was named an all-conference player and won two state championships with his club team.

"Jonny is one of our more talented players on the team," commented head coach Sean Topping. "He is very good at attacking from the back and creates a lot of problems for the opposing teams. He is a tenacious player that has a little bite to him, and he likes to get down and tackle. We have moved him to the back to give us a little more experience back there. I think he is one of the best backs in the Conference."

Perhaps most laudable is that he has started in every single game since he began at the 'Berg his freshman year. "This is one statistic that I am extremely proud of," commented Kliewer.

Before competing at the collegiate level, the talented midfielder-slash-defender played soccer for many years on various teams. "I started playing soccer...I want to say, at least 15 years ago, and I have loved it since day one," he recalls. "I played for Ephrata High School and won three letters, and started all of my games from sophomore through senior year and played for club teams since I was ten. I played for Leeds United premier team, which was based out of Lancaster, since I was thirteen. For six years, we played all over the world; we played in Dallas, Florida, and Virginia and overseas in Scotland and England in different tournaments."

"I used to play against my fellow teammate Karim Assous in club soccer, and I played against [teammate] Peter Bennet in high school," he says, which is an interesting enough fate considering the success the team has had since those three players came together in the fall of 2004. In 2005, their team would go on to capture the Centennial Conference Championship.

Aside from soccer, Kliewer tutors other students and also plays on the 'Berg club Ice Hockey Team. In high school, he played ice hockey and tennis.

But there was something about soccer that captivated him from the beginning. "I love being a part of a team and having a common goal that we all share," Kliewer said. "It [soccer] really is a complete sport; it takes endurance, speed, intelligence, and lots of skill to play; you can easily see why it is the most popular sport in the world."

He also explained why he and his teammates are popular with one another. It is obvious that there is a perpetual chemistry amongst all of them. "I love my teammates. There isn't one guy on the team who I wouldn't call my friend. They are a great bunch of guys, and for every accolade I receive, they definitely deserve a piece because without them, I am nothing. They are really what make me not only a better player, but also a better person."

More likely than not, Kliewer will use his experience as an athlete to further his ambitions after graduating. As a mathematics major, he plans on possibly attending medical school at some point. "But I'm not really set on that yet. All I know is that some further education is in my future, whether it is med school or grad school." He insists that soccer has made him extremely competitive and determined, and he hopes he will have that same determination in whatever field he chooses.

But he still has a full season ahead of him that he needs to tend to before he can even think about graduating.

So far, expectations are extremely high. "This is one of the most gelled sides I have been apart of," he exclaimed. "We are all friends. We get along really well, and it shows on the field. The enthusiasm is there; there's quite a buzz going on around the locker room and we expect to do very well this season." Of course, Kliewer can't forget about the future stars of the team: "We also have a lot of depth this year and the freshman class is doing really well. I'm very impressed with them. There's no reason any of them couldn't play for us at some point this season."

So what is it about Kliewer that will be remembered by the entire Muhlenberg Men's Soccer program? Is it his versatility, his determination, his ability to do anything and play every position? Or does it have to do with more than just skill?

"Jonny brings a lot of leadership to the team. He has the ability to take over games and it has been a pleasure playing with him for three years," said teammate Andrew Brick, '09. "I have really looked up to him as a person and have learned a lot from him on the soccer field."

Clearly, his legacy will be that of a well-rounded, encouraging, inspiring and uplifting student-athlete.

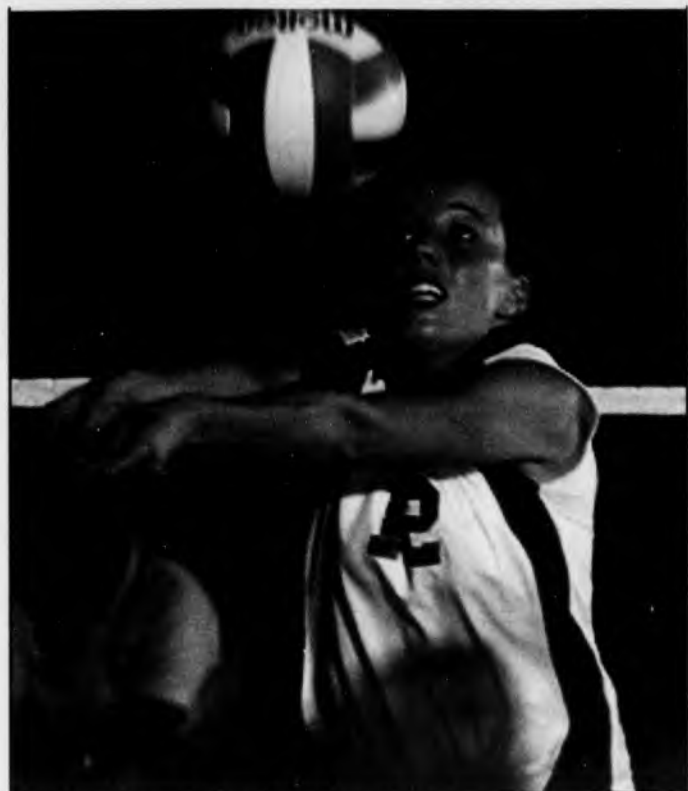
In the end, Kliewer feels good about his experience. He said, "I am so glad I played soccer in college and was able to become friends with these guys. It is something I really like about being a part of this team. It is something that will always stay with me."



Jonathan Kliewer has started and played in every game since his freshman year at Muhlenberg.

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Volleyball wins a nail-biter



Junior Megan Eiser has played solid, all-around volleyball for the Mules in the young 2007 season.

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By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

On Tues., Sept. 4,
Muhlenberg Volleyball
played their first home
match of the 2007 season in dramatic fashion.

Taking on Richard Stockton, the Mules split the first two games, and won the third by a tight score of 32-30. However, Stockton was able to come back in Game four, winning 30-24. And so, the match went into a decisive Game 5, which was pressure-packed for both teams. Eventually, the Mules came out on top, winning by a score of 16-14. Senior Jess Anselmi and sophomore Liz Leslie each had 13 kills, and sophomore Liz Dean contributed 11 kills of her own in the match. Junior Megan Eiser led the way with 43 assists, 18 digs, and 6 kills. Senior Megan Young also had a big day with 28 digs, followed by teammate sophomore Christina Cangelosi who had 15 digs.

With the adrenaline pumping, the Mules were ready to battle in the Buttermaker Tournament. First up was King's, and the Mules took care of them fairly easily with a sweep. Again, Dean had a big match with a career-high 14 kills, and Young notched 22 digs and Eiser led the way with 30 assists.

Next up was Susquehanna, who proved to be more difficult to finish off. After winning the first game 31-29, the Mules could not keep up the momentum and lost the next two games of the match. However, their spirits were not defeated, and they came back to win the fourth and fifth games, each by just two points. In the win, Anselmi had a team-high 12 kills, Dean had 11 kills, sophomore Brittany Williams recorded a career-high 10 kills, and Leslie also finished with 10 kills. Young led the way in digs with 24, Sophomore Amy Cohen recorded 5 blocks, and Sophomore Phylcia Lee had 5 aces.

After another nail-biting victory, the Mules advanced to the Championship Bracket. Unfortunately, they were unable to fend off Penn State Altoona or York. They lost to Penn State Altoona in four games, and were swept by the eventual tournament winner, York. However, Eiser was once again named to the all-tournament team, recording 132 assists, 51 digs, 22 kills, and 11 blocks. Also, Williams knocked off her previous career-high in kills, contributing 14 in the loss to York.

Field Hockey off to a strong start

By Victoria Davis and Kim Seedor
SPORTS EDITORS

After a heartbreaking loss to Elizabethtown in overtime last week, the Muhlenberg Field Hockey Team looked to put it behind them, which is exactly what they did.

On Sat., Sept. 8, the Mules traveled all the way to upstate New York for a weekend of competition. They took on Oneonta State in their first away game of the 2007 season. The Mules came out strong, scoring 3 goals in the first half. Sophomore Nicki Notarianni scored two of those three goals, and senior Jillian Duffy added the third. Later in the game, freshman Chessie Martinez scored her first career goal. Senior Kelly Shetron also contributed to the effort, recording two assists.

Overall, the Mules outshot their opponents by a huge margin, 19-5 - a very decisive difference considering field hockey is such a low-scoring game, and much of the action takes place in the midfield. It is quite obvious that the Mules had control while they kept the ball in their offensive end.

Junior Cara Rothacker caused quite an uproar when she took a stick to the eye that split her eyebrow, dousing the field in blood. The game was paused for a few minutes to clean the turf with special chemicals as a standard precautionary measure.

Muhlenberg finished off its weekend on Sun., Sept. 9 at Hartwick. Again, the Mules outshot their hosts, this time 12-8. Duffy and sophomore Kristen Sabia each scored an unassisted goal in the second half, leading the Mules to a 2-1 victory over Hartwick.

Overall, the weekend proved extremely successful for Muhlenberg Field Hockey. With a winning record, they look forward to the rest of their season, and it will hopefully culminate in similar results. If the team can continue playing this way, there definitely should not be a problem.



Senior Kelly Shetron contributed 2 assists in the game versus Oneonta State.

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Soccer remains undefeated

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Both Muhlenberg Soccer Teams have started the 2007 in consistent fashion. The Men and the Women are undefeated so far, and look to continue their streaks.

On Fri., Sept. 7, the Women's Team took on Scranton. The Mules were able to take the lead, but lost it when Scranton found the back of the net on a free kick with just 3:10 left in the game. The Mules settled for a 1-1 tie in their home opener. Christina O'Grady had the lone goal, unassisted.

The following day, the women faced Misericordia, looking to hold on to the lead this time around. In the second round of the Mule Classic, Muhlenberg took a 2-0 lead, but their opponents kept the game close with a goal of their own, making the score 2-1. Securing both Mule goals was freshman Valerie Patriarca, and both were assisted by O'Grady.

Determined not to lose their momentum, the Mules added an extra goal with 37 seconds left by freshman Rachael Goldstein, who was assisted by fellow freshman teammate Christine Van Hise for her first-ever career goal. Defensively, sophomore Kate Morrissey had an excellent game in goal, making a career-high seven saves. Senior Maura Hendsey also contributed on the defensive end, making a save of her own and preventing a potential comeback from Misericordia.

Men's Soccer has found similar and even more consistent success. With a current record of 3-0, they have decisively dominated so far in the young season. On Wed., Sept. 5 they played their first away game at Wilkes College. Powered by their recent shutout against Gordon, the Mules were confident and in charge. Senior Karim Assous scored his ninth career goal in the first half, with the assists belonging to senior Jonathan Kliewer and sophomore Adison Weseloh. Their next goal came in the second half from Weseloh, assisted by Assous. Senior Peter Bennett also had a strong game in goal, making six saves.

Next up was Moravian, and they, like all the other opponents this season, were unable to scratch the scoreboard. On Sat., Sept. 8, the Mules once again captured a 2-0 shutout victory. Weseloh scored the first goal off a pass from junior Billy Dalton. Sophomore Eric Miller accounted for the Mules' second goal, hitting the net for the first time in his career after being set up by a long pass from sophomore Sky Rimmele.

Muhlenberg Soccer looks promising so far, as no opponent has been able to defeat either team. Coming up for the Men is a game against Franklin & Marshall on Sat., Sept. 15. The Women will take on McDaniel the same day. Hopefully they will continue to see the success that was seen at the opening of the season.



Sophomore Eric Miller scored the Mules' second goal and the first of his career.

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Junior David Chorney (left) placed first at the Lehigh Valley Championships. Here, he runs with classmate Timothy Van Syckle, who finished fourth.

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Cross Country features first-place finisher

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Cross Country season has taken off, and both the Men's and Women's Teams have risen to the challenge. After a strong showing at the non-scored 4K run against Lehigh and DeSales on Fri., Aug. 31, Muhlenberg Cross Country has officially opened its season.

Ranked ninth in the Mideast Region in a preseason poll from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, the Men are ready to reach their potential.

Running in the Lehigh Valley Championships on Fri., Sept. 7, the Men's Team accomplished what they never had before. Junior David

Chorney became the first Mule to ever win that race, as fellow junior Timothy Van Syckle was close behind him, finishing fourth.

Overall, the team finished in a satisfying second place, only behind an impressive Lehigh team, making this their best showing ever.

The Women were able to keep up with the Men, matching their best overall results ever. Helping them in their third-place finish were senior Sara Gearin, who crossed the finish line seventh, and freshman Abby Simons, who came in ninth.

Next up for the Mules is the Mule/Falcon Classic on Sat., Sept. 15. Hopefully, they will be able improve upon what has already been a stellar start.

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A new face for new projects

By Caitlin Bandfield
COPY EDITOR

David Rabold knows how great it feels to be a part of creating something fabulous. Throughout the past several months, the entire College community has watched the MacGregor Village trailers turn into brand-new M.I.L.E. apartments. Rabold is one of those people who really knows what goes on behind the scenes.

As Capital Projects Manager at the College, one of Rabold's most recent assignments has been to monitor the construction and completion of the new Village. His position involves providing oversight for all capital improvement and anticipating – as well as dealing with – any deviation from a project's original plan.

He serves as a sort of spokesman for the College, acting as a contact between the College and the contractors working on a specific project. As a "point man" for the greater College team, he makes it his goal to help bring about the best possible project for the College, whether that be building The Village or planning the

upcoming renovation of Parents Plaza. In addition, Rabold is the Capital Projects Manager and supervisor to Cara Owens, Sustainability Coordinator, another recently hired staff member at the College Sustainability, according to Rabold, helps to fulfill humans' current ecological needs while at the same time protecting the environment now and for future generations.

Although he started working at the College this past June, Rabold has had a lot of experience in the field. A Tufts University graduate with a degree in Civil Engineering, he got much of his supervising experience as Vice President of Project Management at the Fuller Company, an engineering organization in Bethlehem, Pa. He also worked as the East Coast director of ManTech International Corporation "Power of X" and was in charge of all projects along the east coast from Maine to Washington, D.C.

Acquainted with the Vice President of Human Resources at the College, Rabold arrived at the College a few months ago after being asked to help place an ad for the same position he wound up applying for; the rest is history.

In his free time, Rabold enjoys volunteering in the community. An avid outdoorsman, who was born and raised in Bethlehem, Pa, he is a self-proclaimed "ski bum" who enjoys gardening with his wife. He is especially

proud when speaking of his two children, a recently married 25-year-old daughter with a degree from the Wharton School of Business at University of Pennsylvania, and a 21-year-old son studying architectural engineering at Penn State.

Although he is a relatively recent arrival, Rabold is already an integral and dedicated member of the College community. His supervisor, Kent Dyer, has nothing but praise for the newly-appointed Capital Projects Manager. Dyer said, "David pays great attention to details and is very customer-focused. I'm very happy he's here – the College is lucky to have him." While Rabold does not deny the challenges of his job, especially having finite sources to deal with unlimited needs, he is quick to talk of the great rewards he gets serving as Capital Projects Manager. He said, "The best part of my job is seeing somebody's dream become a reality."

"The best part of my job is seeing somebody's dream become a reality."

David Rabold,
Capital Projects
Manager



David Rabold joins the College community with fresh ideas for projects that will improve our campus.

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Late night culture lessons

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

There are numerous staff and faculty on campus that dedicate their time and effort to the students here on campus. Most recently, Sheyam Sine, a General's Quarters Supervisor, received the Circle of Customer Excellence award (COCE). Last February, Sine decided that students at the College needed something more than just bagel bombs on their Friday and Saturday late night menus. So, she presented the late night Middle Eastern Night in the GQ. "Sine and her team, who are all of Syrian descent, spent hours preparing falafel, shish kabob, humus, and tabbouleh," said Sue Flederbach.

The night also included a

belly dancer and a Middle Eastern musician as performances for the students curious enough to try the new food. As Sine and others served up the unfamiliar food, they were dressed head to toe in Arabic robes complete with sashes, scarves and bangles.

Sine put forth a lot of effort for this event and paid attention to every last detail. In fact, it was this attention and dedication to giving the students such an authentic experience that won her the COCE award. "Sine was chosen for this award because she went over the top," said Flederbach. The COCE was given to Sine by Ernie Minor, the College's

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Sheyam Sine dancing with students at last year's Middle Eastern Night.

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Hungry for love

Sometimes at a small campus such as Muhlenberg, it becomes difficult to meet that special someone. Maybe you were lucky and met your significant other during Freshman Orientation Weekend just hanging out on the first floor of Walz Hall. Maybe you walked into a house party on 22nd street and hit it off with that really drunk person who looked attractive at the time. And maybe, just maybe, you encountered your Muhlenberg companion in the Library computer lab.

With the advent of technology though, these methods of meeting seem almost obsolete. Students are more interested in the world outside Muhlenberg, and all the romantic prospects that it offers rather than what is right in front of them.

Online dating sites, like JDate, eHarmony and Match.com, give people another outlet, another way to branch out and interact with others outside the Muhlenberg Bubble. Online dating is no longer for socially awkward losers; it's becoming a modern day socially acceptable phenomenon.

While we may not personally utilize these websites, we do believe that sooner or later, online dating will become an integral part of college life and we wonder when Facebook will include a Matchmaker Application.

Back in the day, speed dating was most commonly used as means to congregate available adults who were looking for a new and quick way to meet people. With speed dating, you only get about five minutes to evaluate a person's first impression. Now, online dating services compile specific information about one's personality and uses questionnaires evaluating a wide range of compatibility factors to determine the right match for each person.

In the commercials, these online dating services even offer a program where if you don't find someone within a certain amount of time, the next half a year or so is free of charge. It's like Weight Watchers or Jenny Craig, but for those hungry for love.

What does it mean to use technology to find a companion? Are we past the age of face-to-face interaction where boy meets girl, boy falls in love with girl. Now, its boy browses girl, boy gets a list of girls, and then boy maybe meets girl. You still have the same options, its just on a different level and format.

Don't make your parking problems mine, too

By Zach Robkin
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

When I first drove my car to school this year, I was absolutely thrilled with just the idea of the convenience of having my own form of transportation to and from campus. No longer would I feel indebted to my roommate who was nice enough to drive me to Giant whenever I was out of oatmeal. No longer would I wait out in the cold for the shuttle or embarrassingly call on my other friends to pick me up when I was stranded somewhere.

While I certainly appreciate my newfound freedom, lately I have been feeling a brand new set of frustrations. As wonderful as it is to have my car, it needs to be parked someplace.

Certainly it's no secret that the College maintains a finite number of places to park. One cannot argue with their decision to tastefully limit parking in an effort to avoid looking like the Lehigh Valley Mall. My qualms are with the other drivers who park in the lot outside of South and Robertson. They are taking up spots that do not belong to them.

Like most students at the college, I stood in line for over an hour with my license and registration in hand to pay for the privilege to park close

to my residence hall--in this case, South. Though I have been granted this privilege, I often find myself having to park my car halfway across campus because all of the spots outside of South and Robertson have been occupied.

This would not bother me so much if each one of these cars were rightfully registered like mine. Unfortunately, after ticketing hours appear to be over in the evening, multiple spots in the lot are taken up by people without brown Muhlenberg parking stickers on their bumpers.

I imagine that most of these cars belong to freshmen or people who live in other halls, who are too lazy to walk to their friends who live in South, Robertson or Benfer. And while this is a commonly accepted practice here and at other colleges, with the growing number of students our problem is quite out of control. Why even bother to register your car if unregistered students can take your spot?

I can certainly understand the frustration of not having a car on campus, but there's no reason to basically steal from a privilege that people like me rightfully obtained.

Patience is a virtue, and we have all waited our turns, so please learn some patience and wait yours.

Muhlenberg's new transportation policy is such a pain

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

So here's the scenario. You are an athlete at the College, and you've possibly broken your ankle during practice. You went to the trainers right away and they scheduled an x-ray. You've done everything responsibly, and you have an appointment tomorrow morning at the hospital. Except there's still one problem. How are you going to get there? If you are an upperclassman, campus safety won't take you. And if you don't have a car on campus and your friends are in class during the day, like most people are, then you are completely out of luck. Or you're about to go broke paying up to a possible \$50 for a cab depending on how far away this doctor's appointment is.

New this year is a rule that Campus Safety will not provide any transportation for upperclassmen regardless of the reason. This includes trips to and from hospital visits, as well as doctor's appointments. Freshmen are excluded from this rule.

I fully understand and agree with the fact that Campus Safety is not a taxi service, nor should it ever be used that way. What I don't agree with is the fact that if it's an emergency and an upperclassman needs to get to and from a medical facility and they don't have access to their own car, then it's almost impossible to make arrangements to get there or back to the college.

Campus Safety's defense is that upperclassmen are allowed to have cars on campus and freshmen cannot. After paying the same amount of tuition as the freshmen, there are some upperclassmen that don't have the money left over to be able to have a car on campus and still be able to afford gas and upkeep.

I propose that if the upperclassman have not registered a vehicle with Campus Safety for that academic year, then they should be able to have the same transportation privileges to and from medical facilities with Campus Safety that the freshmen have. And more importantly, if the upperclassman in question is an athlete and hurt themselves during a Muhlenberg sporting event (i.e. practice, games, training, etc), then the college should be completely responsible for getting the athlete back and forth from the doctor's appointments. Getting hurt is enough of a painful and inconvenient experience without having to deal with the headache of juggling medical appointments and transportation.

Muhlenberg prides itself on being the "Caring College". As great as that reputation is, the College should extend that same caring attitude toward all members of the College community regardless of their class year. The College should not inconvenience its student athletes that work so hard in the classroom and on the field to represent the cardinal red and grey with pride.

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President Bush: "Iran away from the real problem. Now where are we headed?"



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

There has been an obvious focus on our policy with Iraq these past couple of weeks. Yet, potentially the most important foreign policy item discussed in President Bush's recent address to the nation was not concerning the Middle East nation of Iraq, but rather the Middle East nation of Iran.

The President's speech kept tensions high with a regime that has been nothing but a headache for America and the rest of the world. As a matter of fact, one of the President's primary reasoning for a continued heavy troop presence in Iraq, is to serve as containment for Iran.

There has been a documented split within Bush's administration about how to confront the Iranian regime. Apparently, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has been arguing for a more diplomatic approach, while Vice President Dick Cheney is looking to isolate Iran, with heavy considerations of military action.

Iran's leaders have been steadfast in sticking to their growing nuclear program regardless of repeated threats of sanctions. They have refused to come clean about all the details on their rapid nuclear growth, which they claim is only for the purpose of energy. Beyond the nuclear issue, there has been substantial evidence of Iran's Revolutionary Guard supporting

insurgent Iraqis against America's troops. Iran's spread of power and influence has not been supported by other nations in the region, who don't trust the Shiite regime. Iran's unpopularity with other Middle Eastern nations could create less resistance around the region than has the war with Iraq.

It is unlikely that we may expect military action from America anytime soon. Our troops are strung thin because of Iraq, and it would be nearly impossible for President Bush to rally any popular support for another war, after the way his first one has gone. A more likely scenario would be for America to have a supportive role for Israeli air-strikes on Iran's nuclear sites. This is a better option since it won't involve us in as direct of a way as sending our troops in harm's way, yet it will still work towards limiting Iran's nuclear program.

Iran is a much stronger nation

than Iraq; however, they are starting to become more internally unstable. Support for their leadership is waning, due to a failing economy and a combative foreign policy. It would be a dream come true for America if Iran's current regime collapsed upon itself. One could only hope that this problem in the Middle East could be solved that easy. In the immediate future, expect America to attempt to rally support from nations like Russia and China to pressure Iran for stronger sanctions. Economically, Russia and China have an ability to put a further stain on Iran. This is a conflict that America absolutely cannot take on unilaterally.

While the conflict in Iraq will continue to dominate American foreign policy headlines, it is the conflict with Iran that we need to handle the proper way to avoid another messy, drawn out conflict in the Middle East.

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Erasing Privilege

By Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY OP/ED WRITER

In preparing for Candace Gingrich's visit to the College on Sept. 18, I read her 10-year-old autobiography, *The Accidental Activist*.

Talk about a lack of progress in gay politics! There really has not been much change in the last 10 years. The big 3 gay rights bills recognized as feasible for passage in the 110th Congress were the same 3 bills that Gingrich fought for in the 104th Congress when President Bill Clinton and Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (her half brother) were in control. Really, not much has changed.

These three bills--the Hate Crimes bill (to add sexual orientation and gender identity to hate crime prevention provisions), the Employment Non Discrimination Act (end workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity) and the Military Readiness Enhancement Act (to end the ban on gay and lesbian service members) have advanced little in the last 10 years. These bills are fundamental in that they guarantee basic rights to freedom and equality, yet the Religious Right would have the country believe that they grant "special rights." As if not being killed because you are gay is a "special right." As if not being fired for talking about your same-sex lover at work is a "special right."

The Religious Right has even gone so far as to call the Hate Crimes Bill the "Homosexual and Drag Queen's Bill," and in talking about the Employment Non Discrimination Act, the website of Rev. Lou Sheldon, pastor and Chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition, reads: "If ENDA is signed into law, homosexuals, cross-dressers, drag queens, transsexuals and even she-males will be considered protected minorities under federal law."

The need to pass these bills has grown stronger than ever.

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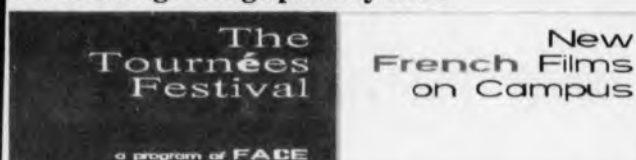
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134 min.



Saturday, September 29



4 pm - *De battre mon coeur s'est arrêté*
(*The Beat That My Heart Skipped*) -
Jacques Audiard, France, 2005, 107 min.

7 pm - *Indigènes (Days of Glory)*
- Rachid Bouchareb,
France/Morocco/Algeria,
2006, 120 min.



9:30 pm - *La Petite Jérusalem*
(*Little Jerusalem*) - Karim Albou,
France, 2004, 96 min.



All screenings are free and open to the public
and are held in the
Lithgow Science Auditorium (Trumbower 130).

This event was made possible with the support of the Cultural
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I'm having a cow that there's too much cow

By Eirinn Disbrow
WEEKLY ASST. NEWS EDITOR

During these first few beginning weeks of the new school year, many of us have noticed the small changes in the food here at the College. This is an encouraging observation considering that for many people, myself included, the food at Garden Room, GQ and Sandella's can become a little tiresome. Especially being a vegetarian, I often find that on most nights my diet consists mostly of salad and spaghetti, making me constantly crave new additions to the food selection here at the College. Most vegetarians that I talk to agree that maintaining an exciting and healthy diet here can be a somewhat difficult challenge.

Last year, when I first experienced college dining, I was slightly disappointed in the vegetarian options. I noticed that a good night for me would be walking into Garden Room and having to make the difficult choice of either bean tacos or macaroni and cheese for dinner. On "bad nights" I would find meat in most of the dishes, and would end up eating only salad. Although there is supposed to be at least one vegetarian dish every night, I would often notice that this dish would be curiously absent from the Garden Room. When there was actually a vegetarian option it would be a very unappetizing looking tofu stir-fry. Unfortunately, I think that many people believe that vegetarians only eat tofu and vegetables, which is a very limiting assumption. I once asked a member of the GR staff about the vegetarian option that night and they simply pointed to a dish of carrots. Although I do enjoy my vegetables, it would be nice to add something from another food group to my dinner.

Another thing that has always frustrated me is the confusion from the staff at the GQ grill when I ask for a veggie burger. Technically, GQ serves veggie burgers, however, every time that I have ever asked for one, the staff either has no idea what I am talking about or tells me that they are "all out." This is a shame because even people who are not vegetarians often tell me how much they enjoy veggie burgers. At the grill at the beach where I go over the summer they serve the best veggie burgers I have ever had in my life. If the College was able to make veggie burgers the right way then they could potentially become a very popular dish among the students.

Despite some of these frustrating limitations I have definitely noticed the improvement here in the dining over the past year. The addition of Sandella's has given the student body, vegetarians and meat eaters alike, many more options to choose from. I have also noticed that the Garden Room has been occasionally changing up its tofu stir fry with vegetarian chili or vegetable fried rice. I feel that there is still a lot more room for improvement including the availability of veggie burgers at GQ and an attempt to serve something besides meat at the action station in the Garden Room. By fixing these problems and continuing to add more variety in general to our food selection, we would not only satisfy students' desire for more food choices but also improve the health of the entire Student Body.

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Since Newt Gingrich railed against all three and prevented their passage in the mid 1990's, gay history has seen the 1998 brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, and the over 51 gender non-conforming persons under age 30 as a direct result of the person's gender identity (GenderPAC). We have seen the loss of jobs of people like Susan Stanton, transgender city manager of Largo, FL. We have seen the Pentagon fire 2 people each day on average under the draconian "Don't Ask Don't Tell" policy in the mil-

itary (Service Members Legal Defense Network) and we have seen a humiliating assault on queer families with over 20 state constitutional marriage amendments "defining" marriage as heterosexual.

There is no better time than now, as this is possibly the best chance in the last ten years, to pass these 3 bills into law. LGBT/Queer people need the safety of mind to know that crimes based solely on our sexuality and gender will be classified as such. We need to know that we can go to work and not worry about being thrown out for being out. And as a nation, we need to know that our tax money is not being spent on antigay witch hunts by the Pentagon

to expose gay soldiers who have volunteered their lives.

We are in the midst of heterosexual privilege, a birthright granted to masculine presenting heterosexual men, who don't have to worry about losing their job for not being masculine enough. Or feminine presenting heterosexual women who don't have to live in fear of being killed for not being a "true woman." This privilege is part of our socially-constructed, gendered culture that has cost much harm to us all.

Congress is poised to change all this starting with the Employment Non Discrimination Act in the Senate as soon as this week. So speak up! And fight for equality!

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SPIRIT Week back again

By Jamie Schneider
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Student Council, Alumni Relations and Cardinal Key Society all collaborated last year to bring back SPIRIT Week, a tradition that had not taken place at the College for 15 years. Last year's week of events was an overall success, leading Student Council to sponsor this year's week of events leading up to Homecoming Weekend. Katie Bemis '09, Student Council Representative, is the Chair of the SPIRIT Week Committee for the second year.

The Committee is responsible for organizing the events that will kick off on Mon., Sept. 24 with an Athlete Auction. Students will be able to "bid" on various student athletes to go on a date with. The bid money pays for a dinner date.

On Tues., Sept. 25 the traditional Powder-puff game will be held on the turf of Scotty Wood Stadium. Teams will be divided by class and coached by football players.

Members of Student Council will be in Garden Room serving food for a Council Catering event on Wed., Sept. 26.

Wednesday night dinner will

be moved outside under the tent in the East Quad on Thurs., Sept. 27 where numerous student performers will play.

Lastly, on Fri., Sept. 28, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to wear grey and red to show 'Berg spirit. Friday night will be the Pep Rally at 9:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall where the cheerleaders and various student dance groups will perform. The Pep Rally will be followed by a bonfire on Library

"We're working hard to bring back an old tradition."

Katie Bemis '09

Lawn. Most of Homecoming Weekend events will take place on Sat., Sept. 29 as many of the College's alumni return to campus. The Football Team will play Johns Hopkins at 1:00 p.m.. The Homecoming dance will be held in Garden Room from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Saturday night.

"We're working hard to bring back an old tradition. We've rearranged some activities from last year to try and make SPIRIT week full of events that will be fun for everyone. We're hoping to see a big turn out from all members of the College community to promote a successful and high-spirited Homecoming Weekend," said Bemis, on behalf of the SPIRIT Week Committee.



The bonfire during last year's spirit week provided students with s'mores and hot cider after attending the pep-rally in Memorial Hall.

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Regional Vice President for Sodexo.

This is the first annual award given in Minor's region for the COCE program, which is what makes it so special and honorable for Sine. Nominees for the COCE are selected by schools all across the region, and each month semi-finalists are chosen and rewarded.

In addition to last semester's Middle Eastern Night, Sine plans on having special Friday and Saturday nights all year long for the 2007-2008 academic year. She has already had an Ice Cream Sundae Night and last week served up some more chicken kabobs.

"I know she has more tricks up her sleeve! Sine is currently planning to make her authentic falafel and kabobs appear more regularly on

the Saturday night GQ menu. More music and dancing are also in the works!" said Flederbach.

While last semester's event was the first of what Sine hopes to be many, that first event took her about three years to put into action. It is something she has a passion for; sharing her culture - and the cultures of with the entire campus.

She said, then, that it was up to the students to spread the word on getting support for and wanting to see more events like Middle Eastern Night take place, and it appears as though the message has been sent out loud and clear.

Sine has said that she has a lot of ideas stored up in her head, and this just may be the year we all get to experience them. Be on the lookout for advertisements in the GQ for more cultural nights being put on by Sine.

An update on your safety

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Over the past few months Campus Safety has been helping to install some new changes at the College. One of these changes includes new forms of emergency communication for students, faculty, and staff. Campus Safety has been working closely with the Office of Information Technology and the administration since last summer to install an emergency text messaging system called E2CAMPUS.

Campus Safety strongly suggests that everyone at the College sign up for this text messaging service because it is the quickest and easiest way to alert everyone of an emergency. Any student can sign up on the College's message board which can be found by typing in <http://192.168.252.70/messageboard/>. There should be a yellow tab in the upper right hand corner that says "Alert Me! Sign up Now!" There are step by step instructions for signing up and the entire process should only take a few minutes and does not cost any money. About 54% of the Student Body has already signed up for E2CAMPUS, but as Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security, explains, "We would like to have that number raised greatly over the next few weeks."

There have been other precautions installed by Campus Safety which include emergency email notifications, emergency telephones and an emergency horn for those who are not anywhere near a computer or telephone. The horn will be activated in an emergency situation to alert everyone on campus to seek out information and share it with others as quickly as possible.

Campus Safety is planning a trial for all of these communication systems and will be letting us know when

they have picked a date for their trial run.

Campus Safety has also been involved with the Student Council Safety Committee in trying to encourage the use of bikes on campus. This change is still in the early stages but the main goal is to promote bike riding to diminish vehicular traffic.

The plan is to start out by taking a few old or abandoned bikes, repair them, and then leave them in the bike racks for student use. Lupole explains that "one of the problems is that students here are very attached to their vehicles. Instead of thinking of another form of transportation, they just automatically go straight to their automobiles. What we are trying to do with this program is remind them that there are other ways to get around." This program will take about a month to establish and with the winter season approaching, we may not see the bikes around campus until next semester.

Along with embarking on these new programs to improve the College, Campus Safety has also been very busy investigating the many vehicle thefts and property damage around campus. The vehicles that were broken into in the past few weeks were all targeted because of the expensive equipment inside of them. All valuables left in a vehicle should be carefully hidden from others. In general, valuables should never be left unattended.

Last week there was a lot of property stolen at the Maingate Club when purses and other valuables were left at the bar. Lupole would like to remind members of the College community that guarding personal property and walking around in big groups are necessary precautions that everyone must take. Campus Safety can always be reached by dialing ext. 3110 whenever there is a problem.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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Weekend Weather

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OFF CAMPUS

Kutztown murders

On Fri., Sept. 7 Kyle G. Quinn, a sophomore at Kutztown University, was killed. The incident took place when Quinn was walking back to his dorm, and was attacked by three Allentown men.

Quinn was on his way back from his brother Dennis' apartment when the men began harassing him at around 2:27 A.M. Not long after, Quinn was left in a pool of blood when authorities came upon the scene.

It is reported that one of the suspects yelled at the injured Quinn, "Ah, look at you bitch", and "You're a pussy."

The President of the University, F. Javier Cevallos referred to Quinn's death as "a senseless isolated random act of violence."

A vigil for Quinn was held on Sept. 11 where hundreds of mourners participated for the gentled souled history major with a passion for soccer, the outdoors and martial arts.

The three Allentown men have been identified as Terry D. Kline Jr., 22, Kenneth R. Kline, 21, and Timothy R. Gearhart, 23. Charged with aggravated assault and related offenses, a \$10 million bail was posted on each at Berks County Prison.

They were stopped in a car with two other men, but only the three mentioned were charged. It is likely, according to Mark C. Baldwin, District Attorney, that the men will probably face homicide charges.

A second death occurred early Friday as well when a Lincoln University student from Easton, Michael A. Douglas, 19, was shot outside an Allentown nightclub.

These two murders are raising concerns throughout Kutztown and Allentown, and are being very closely linked with Thursday night binge drinking.

The morning call quoted the Kutztown Police Chief, Randy Cole saying, "if you see this town in the daytime, it's an idyllic, quiet community. But when the sun goes down, it's Mardi Gras."

When the the drinking scene for a college takes place off campus it opens up the possibility for fights, rapes, muggings, and in this case, murders.

Studies have shown that if Thursday night drinking were reduced, then overall drinking and binge drinking would decline, even if Friday and Saturday night drinking were to continue.

Some schools are contemplating having more Friday morning classes in order to accomplish this. While the dangers of drinking here in Allentown are just as severe as those in Kutztown, Ken Lupole was quoted saying that in recent years, bar owners have done a better job of working with college security, Allentown police, and the state Liquor Control Board to step up security and check student identification.

Even so, it is important to remain aware of your surroundings when going out on the weekends, because "College towns by their nature are going to attract people from surrounding areas when you have pubs and drink specials. That's anywhere, whether it's Kutztown, Pa., or North Philadelphia," said Max Conaboy, 21, of Clarks Summit.



Photo courtesy of Amanda Glassman

Delta Zeta lent a helping hand to the College community last Sat., Sept. 15th. They spent the mid-morning picking up trash and litter on streets surrounding the campus. The sisters split up into groups and were assigned different streets to clean. One sister commented, "By all of us coming together it really showed how much could be accomplished in a short period of time. Most of the sisterhood was able to attend which made a big impact".

Compiled by Meredith Clinton

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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 11 – Theft – A computer system was stolen from the first floor of the Center of the Arts. The property has not been returned and there are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 11 – Motor Vehicle Accident – A student's car ran into a wall at 27th and Tilghman Streets. Allentown Police responded and filed a report. The student was not injured.

Sept. 12 – Theft – West Side Electric called to report that two 12 light poles had been stolen from outside the laundry room at 2304 Chew Street.

Sept. 12 – Institutional Vandalism – Inappropriate Graffiti was found on the outside south west corner of Brown Hall.

Sept. 13 – Disorderly Conduct – A female student reported that a male student had been stalking her. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 13 – Institutional

Vandalism – Crushed candy was found on the floor and in a pillow case of a student's room on the first floor of Walz Hall.

Sept. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to painters who covered the smoke detector at 2251 Turner Street.

Sept. 13 – Institutional Vandalism – A student from the first floor of Walz Hall reported that her door had been dented by another student. She could not identify that individual.

Sept. 13 – Theft – A student reported that her cell phone had been stolen from the front circle of 22nd Street. Her father called to report that he had received a \$500 bill for phone calls from the stolen phone. There are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 415 Lehigh Street.

Sept. 13 – Disorderly

Conduct – A student reported that she was verbally harassed by another student. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 13 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to burnt toast at 2241 Liberty Street.

Sept. 13 – Possession – There was a report of an underage student walking around with a half gallon of tequila on the third floor of Taylor Hall. The student had left by the time campus police arrived.

Sept. 13 – Sick Student – A sick student was found vomiting due to alcohol poisoning in the men's bathroom on the third floor of Prosser Hall. He was transported by the Allentown EMS to the hospital. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 13 – Sick Student – An intoxicated student from the third floor of Walz Hall was transported hospital. This matter has been referred to

the Judicial Process.

Sept. 14 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to burnt cookies at 2201 Chew Street.

Sept. 14 – Found Property – A Resident Advisor reported finding a beer funnel in the bathroom on the third floor of Walz Hall. The funnel has been confiscated.

Sept. 15 – Underage Consumption – A student was found vomiting due to alcohol poisoning in the women's bathroom on the third floor of Brown Hall. The student was transported to the hospital and the matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 15 – Injured Student – A student reported falling out of bed and injuring her leg. She declined medical transport to the hospital and was given ice.

Sept. 15 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to cooking on the stove at 417 Lehigh Street.

Sept. 15 – Possession – An individual was found in possession of alcohol on the second floor of Benfer Hall. This matter was referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 15 – Noise Complaint – Allentown Police received a noise complaint about a party on 325 N. 22nd Street. About 300 students were at the party and they warned that if the police received a second complaint than the students would be cited.

Sept. 16 – Disorderly Conduct – Two intoxicated students were found arguing outside of Trexler Library. They both cooperated and were sent back to their resident halls.

Sept. 16 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 2245 Liberty Street.

Sept. 16 – Fire/Safety Violation – A student called about two smoke detectors being blocked by masking tape on the third floor of Brown Hall. It is unknown who was involved with this.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

-Ferris Bueller

Eric Hutchinson

sounds like the next big thing

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

To compare singer/ songwriter Eric Hutchinson's musical style to any other musician's would be to do him a disservice, not only due to the fact that his pop, folk, slightly bluesy sound is one of kind, but also because of the appropriate title of his newest album, "Sounds Like This." As if in anticipation of comparison, Hutchinson has asserted himself, and his music, in a way that is consistent with his witty, charming personality and musical style.

Eric Hutchinson played at the Red Door this past Saturday night in an atmosphere reminiscent of a suburban coffee house. He requested that the couches be pulled in close to the stage to give the concert a more "intimate" feel. As the concert began it was clear that Hutchinson was concerned with making the evening feel more like an exchange between friends than a formal concert.

His musical numbers mirrored that feeling with their clever, fun, and relatable lyrics. Hutchinson navigated between piano and guitar effortlessly throughout the night. The music itself was different enough from mainstream pop to be memorable, while still managing to make one feel as if they had been listening to and enjoying these songs for years.

One of the most refreshing things about the evening was that at no time did he take himself too seriously. The tongue-in-cheek musician's self-deprecating humor ensured that there were as many laughs in between songs as there were claps at the end of them. The charm of his personality came through in his songs, as did his humor. One of the highlights of the evening came in the middle of the set, with Hutchinson playing a medley of Justin Timberlake songs designed to wittily show their uncanny similarity to each other.

However, these moments of humor in the concert did not overshadow the genuineness of his original songs. Especially memorable was his beautifully simple song "Back to Where I Was" and the hit-worthy up-tempo song "Rock & Roll."

Though currently label-less, Eric Hutchinson's album has recently been in the top 10 downloaded albums on iTunes; this is an amazing feat for anyone, let alone an acoustic musician without a label.

The temptation to compare a rising musician to more well-known artists is strong, but instead I'll just recommend joining his numerous listeners on iTunes and finding out for yourself just what exactly Eric Hutchinson "sounds like."



Eric Hutchinson shows off his skills on both the guitar and the piano during his performance in The Red Door last Saturday night.

PHOTOS BY ALICIA DICRISTINA

SEX :

A look at sexual reproduction

By Erika Koop
WEEKLY LIFE COLUMNIST

Sexual reproduction is, hands down, the most successful mode of reproduction on the planet. Though it has its negatives, such as complex mating rituals that take time and energy, the ability to combine genes from different members of the population greatly outweighs the costs.

Being able to remove harmful mutations and bringing together new combinations of genes is why most researchers believe sex has become the main reproductive method among our planets inhabitants. Gene recombination allows species to improve fitness and adapt better to environments, hence allowing the species, as a whole, to survive.

Human sexual reproduction and sexual acts are probably the most unique and diverse in the animal kingdom. Interestingly, humans are a species that participate in sexual intercourse when the main goal is not always to produce

offspring. Sexual intercourse and other activities, in many cultures, have become methods almost entirely for emotional bonding and/or pure physical pleasure. It is commonplace for couples, married or not, to express themselves sexually without the slightest intent of making a child. One-night-stands and other forms of casual sex provide a physical outlet

for many people without even being in a relationship.

Many aspects of human sexuality and sexual behavior are also focused on or promoting of reproduction. It can be viewed that certain sexual orientations, such as homosexuality, certain sexual acts, such as masturbation, and certain sexual dysfunctions, such as infertility, are not beneficial for the human species as a whole, because they do not directly contribute to the growth and survival of our population.

Changes and advances

in technology, however, go hand-in-hand with present day aspects of human sexuality and sexual behavior. The growing number of birth control methods and safe sex tools give us the ability to have sexual encounters without a high risk of pregnancy or sexually transmitted disease and medical techniques are in place to confront

most issues that do occur. Alternative methods of conception, such as in vitro fertilization, allow for homosexual couples and couples with fertility problems, to have children and pass genes to the next generation. The production and distribution of forms of adult entertainment and sex toys provide people with ways to be sexually satisfied without another person present.

Technology has seemingly helped to create an environment in which procreation is not the main goal, if at all, and allows for reproduction in situations where it would not

'traditionally' occur. So will the traditional way of expanding and strengthening our population be a thing of the past? Will sex become purely a form of recreation? I doubt it. Are we going against the natural laws of evolution by using technology to assist reproduction? I don't think so. But I think it is remarkable that a growing portion of our population's reproductive success is starting to rely on new technologies.

It will be interesting to see how the use of those technologies now will shape our future generations, because it could very well change the human population for the better.

It will also be fascinating to see how sexual behavior and intercourse evolve without mainly being focused on procreation, though I think many of the entertainment aspects enhance procreation in the long run. All and all, though, I firmly believe that life will find a way, so we'll just have to see where it takes us.

LOVE
&
LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU HAD A TIME MACHINE, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?



"I would chill with the great thinkers of Eastern philosophy, like Confucius and Buddha."
- Joe Grinenko, Program Director of Hillel



"I would go back and erase my gangsta years."
- Soham Desai '08



"I would pay T-Rex a visit."
- Jeff Reiff '10



"I would go back to age six and learn a foreign language so I would presently be fluent in it."
- Erin Goldrick '08



"I would take Moses out on a dinner date."
- Nicole Bernard '09

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



3:10 to Yuma

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Balls of Fury

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10

Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:10

Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Bourne Ultimatum

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

The Brave One

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Good Luck Chuck

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10

Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Resident Evil: Extinction

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Sydney White

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Sun. 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Superbad

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Couple News:

There has been much speculation on whether or not Tessa Horst and The Bachelor's Andy Baldwin are still together. The couple, who had called off their engagement but vowed were still dating, caused confusion when Andy was seen getting cozy with Sepideh Gaftgoli, the former Miss Iran.

Yet, *Honolulu Advertiser* claims that the couple is still together and even participated in the Audi Best Buddies Challenge Charity Bike Race last week.

Rumors have been flying all over Hollywood that *Heroes* stars Hayden Panettiere and Milo Ventimiglia are the new celebrity "it" couple. Hayden just celebrated her eighteenth birthday while Milo is thirty years old. Hayden recently split with Laguna Beach star, Stephen Colletti, an announcement that came only last week.

Charlize Theron and Stuart Townsend have stated that despite not being legally married, the cou-

ple is indeed husband and wife.

Stuart was quoted as saying, "I didn't do a church wedding or anything, but we're married. We're husband and wife. We love each other and we want to spend our lives together. We didn't have a ceremony, I don't need a certificate or the state or the church to say otherwise. So no there's no big official story on a wedding, but we are married. I consider her my wife and she considers me her husband."

Baby News:

Mary-Louise Parker has adopted a baby girl from Africa. The 43 year old actress has a three year old son with former boyfriend, Billy Crudup. No word on the age of the new baby, or where in Africa she is from.

Current Events:

Britney Spears has had another rough week. Amid her child custody hearings, her lawyer, Laura Wasser, has dumped her. Not only that, but her new manager as of last month, Jeff Kwatinetz of The Firm, her management company, has left the Britney camp as well.

The reason for Kwatinetz's departure is rumored to be Spears' out of

control behavior. Yet, said, "It saddens us to confirm media reports that we have terminated our professional relationship with Britney Spears." The Firm said, "We believe Britney is enormously talented, and has made a terrific record. But current circumstances have prevented us from properly doing our job. We wish Britney the best."

In even worse news for Britney, it has been speculated this week that she could potentially lose custody of her children. This comes following a statement from a surprise witness at her hearing, former bodyguard, Tony Barretto, who claimed that she did drugs and drank after rehab.

O.J. Simpson was arrested for breaking into Palace Station Casino in Las Vegas with a deadly weapon. He claims that he was just there to retrieve items that had been stolen from him, but authorities disagree. He is in the Clark County Detention center, and no bail has been posted. Three other suspects have been taken into custody.

Former *Days of our Lives* star and current *General Hospital* star, Kirsten Storms, was arrested for a DUI last

week. She has now been officially charged with a DUI. Storms was pulled over September 7, after a police officer saw the soap star throw a cigarette out of the window of her Mercedes.

When pulled over, the officer noticed the smell of alcohol from the car, and upon a breathalyzer test, the actress was recorded as blowing a .13.

Hills star, Heidi Montag, turned twenty one years old. She celebrated her birthday with boyfriend, Spencer Pratt, at the LAX club in Las Vegas. No one of significance was reported to have been there to celebrate with her. Montag did take to the stage to perform her new single, "Higher."

In other *Hills* news, Lauren Conrad recently displayed her new ten-piece contemporary clothing line. Two pieces in the collection are named after other *Hills* stars, "Audrina" and "LO."

Many have expressed surprise at the high prices that Lauren's collection launched at. The dress prices start at around one hundred and fifty dollars.

Oren's travels: part one

By Oren Smith
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Hey, everyone! My name is Oren Smith and I'm a junior at Muhlenberg, currently studying abroad at Vesalius College in Brussels, Belgium.

I can't express enough how much I am loving this experience, and I've been asked to share bits and pieces of my travels through this incredibly unique country and its surrounding fellow European nations.

I departed the U.S. on August 18, and so I've been here for exactly a month. I've gotten to know the city of Brussels fairly well already, and I have been all over Belgium.

It's hard to encapsulate a month's worth of adventures in a short column, but I'll try my best to at least capture the beginning in words.

I suppose this will be an introduction of sorts. Although I was jet-lagged for the first couple of days (Brussels is 6 hours ahead of Eastern Time), my orientation was very enjoyable, and I made some solid friendships right off the bat.

It was easy, as everyone in my CIEE program group was very outgoing. We went on both walking and bus tours of Brussels, and saw all kinds of famous sites, including

the Atomium, Grand Palace and the Mannekin Pis.

Brussels is an amazing city, not only for its multicultural and officially bilingual (French and Dutch) communities, but also for its eclectic mixture of old and new architecture, its continuous and lively nightlife and its wide array of fine chocolates, tasty beers, frites and famous waffles.

All of my classes at school have international students in them, so the perspectives shared during discussions are so interesting, especially since I'm going to a school similar to Muhlenberg in size and teaching style. I'm even taking Dutch this semester, and that is probably the last thing I expected of myself.

As for other Belgian cities, I've been on an excursion to Waterloo

and walked along the battlefields where Napoleon was defeated, I've been biking through Bruges, the most picturesque location in the country, I've visited Antwerp, the world renowned diamond center of Europe and I've been kayaking through the Ardennes forest on the Less River.

I'll write more in detail about these places and events in Brussels soon enough, and later on I'll let you know how Oktoberfest goes in Berlin during the last weekend of September! Until then, I hope everyone at Muhlenberg and abroad is having a great start to the year. Au revoir!



Some of the architecture that Oren is experiencing in Bruges, Belgium!

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Fifty years of coeducation at Muhlenberg

By Diane Koch

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVE
LIBRARIAN

This year, Muhlenberg celebrates its 50th anniversary of coeducation. In September 1957, the first women were admitted to campus as full-time regular students. Until that point, the College had been all-male for 109 years. Of course, this change didn't happen overnight, and it didn't happen without controversy and resistance.

Coeducation at the College was first proposed in 1933 but opposition on campus – from the Board of Trustees down to the Student Body – was so great the idea was dropped. The idea arose again in 1942, and was again rejected.

In 1953, with the College in serious financial trouble, coeducation was again proposed, and this time accepted, as a way out of financial hardship.

The College adopted a plan to raise funds to enable admission of female students beginning in September 1957. Dorms had to be refurbished to accommodate female students and reception areas created

for visiting males; a gym for the women had to be constructed, as physical education classes would not be integrated; female professors and a Dean for women needed to be hired; and the campus, in general, needed to be “spruced up” to create an atmosphere suitable for young ladies.

Today, more than half the student body is women. Fifty years ago, 123 females enrolled, joining a student body of 809 males. With the ratio so in favor of men, you'd think women wouldn't have been a threat, and would have been welcomed cordially, if not enthusiastically.

But in September 1957 many of the men on campus still resisted coeducation, and their taunting and hazing was almost unbearable to many of the women. However, most women persevered, and it wasn't long before they were accepted as a (mostly) welcome addition to campus life.

However, that's not to say that they were treated equally. There were separate councils for male and female students, with different rules and different governing bodies. Regulations for women included a

dress code and curfews far more stringent than those for males. At meals, a single woman was positioned at each table to serve plates and fulfill the role of “hostess.” Gradually, the women were able to modify the inequities. Even by 1961, with the first graduating class of coeds, the feeling was that “women have come a long way in the right direction,” according to a coed at the time.

The fascinating story of coeducation at Muhlenberg is captured in documents and artifacts housed in Special Collections at the Trexler Library. Reports, surveys, and appeals trace the long struggle to bring coeducation to Muhlenberg, as well as the struggles women faced once it arrived. The 1957 yearbook *Ciarla* honors the last year of Muhlenberg as an all-male institution.

The 1958 volume is dedicated to coeducation. Articles in *The Weekly* reveal attitudes towards coeducation before its arrival – “I don't care for the idea but...it will help the ‘wallflowers’ around here” (*Weekly* 11/12/53) – as well as changes coeducation brought to campus:

“Three-way lights [in the newly remodeled snack bar] include a soft, rose tint especially designed....to set off the female complexion to its best advantage” (*Weekly* 9/26/57).

An October 1957 photo essay produced by *Life* magazine, along with recorded interviews with students and faculty, provide firsthand accounts of the changes coeducation brought.

Freshmen beanies worn by coeds, Muhlenberg jackets, pipe cleaners (which coeds had to produce on demand for upperclassmen), “M” books listing women's regulations, dance cards, etc., provide an intimate glimpse into life at the time of coed transition. Later articles, anniversary celebrations, oral histories from the first class of women, and surveys continue to explore the story of coeducation at the College.

One coed wrote of her four years at Muhlenberg just before graduating in 1961, “I dare say someone ambitious enough could find more source material for a novel in the time from September 1957 to June 1961 than he'd know what to do with.” What do you think – are you up to the challenge?

The Brew Works Experience

Bethlehem

Allentown

By Alexis Resnick
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

On the corner of Main and Broad Streets in downtown Bethlehem lies a unique restaurant and brewery that offers a relaxed atmosphere coupled with upbeat American cuisine. With the diverse crowd and mesmerizing ambience, Bethlehem Brew Works is great to dress up for a night out with the girls or to dress down for a round of beers and a burger.

Upon walking in, the first thing I noticed was the copper-color stills adorning the wall, creating an industrial chic look throughout the restaurant. There was a short wait, but once seated the service proved to be worth it. Our waitress was not only friendly, but had an extensive knowledge of the brewery's main attraction – the beer.

Bethlehem Brew Works offers either their seasonal beers or signature brews which are available year 'round, but for those of you who can't make up your mind, let me suggest the beer sampler. At \$8.50 you get your choice of six five-and-a-half ounce glasses. This is definitely a deal that is hard to find anywhere in the Lehigh Valley. In addition to the sampler, be sure to try the Fegley's E.S.B., a full-bodied “all around Brew Works” favorite, and mine as well.

Although the food plays second fiddle to

the beer, I found their menu to have a variety of American classics with a twist. Many of their items are made with their signature beers, such as the beer and cheese soup and the BREWschetta. I started out with the calamari, which was light and crisp but lacked a little flavor, which was luckily made up for with the sweet citrus dipping sauce.

For a main course the Billet Yard BBQ was a tasty combination of grilled chicken with their stout beer BBQ sauce, cheddar cheese and bacon. The chicken was seasoned perfectly and the beer BBQ sauce was delicious, which is why I wish they had put more on the chicken.

For those who would prefer a burger from their extensive list, let me recommend the incredibly delicious and well-priced Kobe Beef Burger. For only \$14.00, a burger does not get much better than this one.

Although I didn't save room for desert, a tactic I don't recommend, I was very intrigued by the chocolate ice cream made with their Oatmeal Stout beer. To go with the running theme of beer, I would suggest giving this unique treat a try.

Only 15 minutes away, Bethlehem Brew Works is definitely worth this short trip. With delicious beers made right in the restaurant and fun, casual food, Bethlehem Brew Works will leave any college student very pleased.

By Sara Horowitz
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Located just minutes away from campus on Hamilton Street, Allentown Brew Works, which opened just a few months ago, has a very different atmosphere than the restaurant located in Bethlehem. Allentown Brew Works has a more contemporary feel, boasting four floors and a V.I.P. lounge.

After 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, the V.I.P. lounge just serves alcohol, while live music plays on the second floor. I was thoroughly impressed with the waitress' knowledge of their extensive menu and drink options.

As I was having trouble deciding between two beers, she brought over two small samples, free of charge, so that I could pick my favorite and enjoy it with my meal.

The menu is more or less the same with the exception of a few name changes,

most notably the Muhlenberg-er.

At my table, people ordered everything from salads to chicken to burgers, and no one had any complaints. The beer was unique, inexpensive, and tasty while the cocktails were classic and flavorful, with an exotic twist.

This restaurant, compared to the one in Bethlehem, is a much better location for large parties due to its bigger capacity. A party of almost 20 ventured up the stairs and was seated promptly at a long table in the middle of the upper floor, near the bar.

It's great for the community, as well as the College, that we have a closer Brew Works to enjoy. Both restaurants serve great food and drinks, and cater to college students.

Allentown Brew Works has been years in the making and I can only hope it's here to stay for years to come.

Cross Country relies on depth

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off impressive, record-breaking performances at the Lehigh Valley Championships, the Muhlenberg Cross Country Team is looking to improve on what has already been an excellent start to the 2007 season.

On Sat., Sept. 15, the Team co-hosted the Mule/Falcon Classic with Cedar Crest. The Mules have found success at this meet in past years, and this season proved to be no different. The Women's Team ran a tight race with Georgian Court, with two Muhlenberg runners in particular being able to edge out their close competition. Sophomore Lauren Conicella and senior Laura Clinton both ran hard across the finish line to give their team the advantage, taking eighth place and fourteenth place, respectively.

Leading the women was the trio of freshman Kim Bier, who crossed the finish line sixth, junior Janette Adams (seventh), and

Conicella. Freshman Hannah Mitchell followed up close behind and took eleventh. Overall, the women took first place with a score of 46, beating Georgian Court by a single point.

The Men's Team also had a strong showing, finishing in second. Junior Stuart Udis finished third and freshman Bobby Torphy followed up in seventh. Not far behind them came freshmen Andrew L a v e n d e r (twelfth) and Ryan Wilson (fourteenth). The newcomers on the team obviously had a huge impact, as freshmen runners were able to lead their team to a solid second place.

Both the men and women were

running with split squads, and the women were even running without several of their top runners from past

meets. Nevertheless, the Mules were able to turn in incredible performances, thanks to the depth of their

2007 squad. Next up for Muhlenberg Cross Country is Lehigh's Paul Short Run on Fri., Sept. 28.



Even without some of their top runners, the Women's Team edged out Georgian Court, taking first place by a single point.

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Junior Cara Rothacker takes the ball upfield in the game against Moravia.

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Field Hockey wins in double overtime

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Field Hockey Team fell in a heart-wrenching loss to Moravian last week on Wed., Sept. 12. The Mules (2-3) came out strong, and the first goal of the game went to senior Lauren Rutt, who deflected a shot off of a Moravian defender for the unassisted score. The Mules out-shot Moravian, but it was not enough. In a span of eight minutes in the second half, the Greyhounds found the back of the net twice. In a come-from-behind win, Moravian (2-2) held on to their 2-1 lead.

Not discouraged by their recent loss, the Mules took on Washington in yet another road game. This time though, they were

determined not to go home on the losing side of a close game. Again out-shooting their opponents, the Mules found themselves in a 1-1 tie at the end of the first half on a late goal by senior Jillian Duffy. In the second half, both teams held steady and were kept scoreless. Washington had a final chance to win at the close of regulation, but the Mules were able to clear the ball before any damage could be done.

One overtime period was not enough to decide the game, so the game went into a second. Off of a rebound, Rutt once again came through for the Mules, and 3:58 into the second overtime she won the game for her team. The Mules, now with a record of 4-2, had clearly put their tough loss to Moravian behind them.

Men and Women's Soccer no longer undefeated

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Women's Soccer Team certainly has been busy this past week, taking on three teams in just five days. First up was Messiah on Wed., Sept. 12. Messiah (5-0) is ranked third in the country, but the Mules were confident as they brought their own undefeated record into the game. Unfortunately, their streak was snapped as they suffered their first loss of the 2007 season. Shut out 5-0, the Mules were out-shot badly, 27-9, and couldn't handle the onslaught of pressure. Messiah scored three goals in the first half and then two more in the second half, just 32 seconds apart. The Mules (2-1-2) did have scoring chances, including opportunities created by sophomore Christina O'Grady and freshman Valerie Patriarca. It was a tough loss, but the team knew they had a full few days coming up, and looked toward their next game, which was to be played three days later against McDaniel.

The McDaniel Green Terror greeted the Mules with both teams' first Centennial Conference match-up. McDaniel took an early lead, but Muhlenberg was able to even the score with a goal of its own by sophomore Kasey Hacker. With a pin-point shot into the top corner of the net, Hacker knocked in the unassisted goal. Even though McDaniel was out-shot 28-6, Muhlenberg goalie sophomore Kate Morrissey played well on the few shots against her, locking the game at a goal apiece and sending it into overtime.

In overtime, the Mules looked to finish off The Green Terror and start a fresh undefeated streak. Hacker again came through for her team off a centering pass from sophomore Ashley O'Grady, again finding the back of the net and giving the Mules a satisfying victory.

Finally, the Mules played at Neumann to finish up the weekend on Sun., Sept. 16. Neumann (1-6) only got off 8 shots while the Mules had 26.

Scoring for Muhlenberg were freshmen Rachael Goldstein and Patriarca, scoring just two minutes apart. Sophomore Jennifer Lynch assisted on Goldstein's score for the first point of her career. Patriarca's goal came off of a penalty kick.

The Women's Team will enjoy a well-deserved break and will resume action on Tues., Sept. 25 at Haverford at 4:00 p.m. Meanwhile, the men have seen comparatively little play this past week, competing in just one game over the weekend. On Sat., Sept. 15, while the women took on McDaniel, the men opened up Centennial

Conference play at Franklin & Marshall.

Up until this game, the Mules had not given up a single goal this season. Unfortunately, like the women, they could not keep their undefeated streak going, falling to the Diplomats (6-0, 1-0) by a score of 1-0. The tables were turned as this time it was the Mules who could not come across a goal, as they threatened several times but couldn't finish. The goal came late in the first half, and neither team would scratch the scoreboard again. The Men's Team now holds a record of 3-1, 0-1.



Sophomore forward Kasey Hacker carries the ball up the field before her goal to tie up the game against McDaniel.

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Senior Megan Young has 1,021 career digs.

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Volleyball falls below 500

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

After a solid start to the 2007 season, Muhlenberg Volleyball has fallen to a record of 5-6, thanks to two tough losses against DeSales and McDaniel.

On Tues., Sept. 11, the team traveled to DeSales, only to be greeted with their third consecutive loss. The Mules fought hard, but were swept by DeSales, losing three relatively close games. Leading the Mules in the effort were senior Jess Anselmi in kills with 11, junior Danielle Losonci in digs with 14, junior Megan Eiser in assists with 25, and junior Ally Ivaniski in blocks with 3.

Next up was a match against a tough

McDaniel team. Again losing in three games, the Mules were unable to snap their losing streak. Sophomore Liz Dean had a strong match though, recording 9 kills and 3 blocks. Ivaniski slammed in 3 aces, and once again Eiser led in assists with 18.

Not to be forgotten in the loss was senior Megan Young, who with her 23 digs against McDaniel secured her place in team history. She now has recorded 1,021 digs in her career, making her just the ninth player in Muhlenberg history to pass the 1000 mark.

While the team has hit a rough patch, they have the remainder of the long season ahead of them, and plenty of talent to make up for a couple of lost games. They will no doubt get back on track.

I'm in an SEC state of mind:

Week 4 of college football

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

12 South Carolina @ #2 LSU

LSU has far and away been the most impressive team in College Football this season, with a huge blowout victory over # 17 Virginia Tech (48-7). They have two quarterbacks who can run the offense, and they have great depth at the skill positions (Jacob Hester and Keiland Williams at running-back are a great tandem). Their defense is led by arguably the best front four in the country, including pre-season All-American defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey. And yet, I can't shake the feeling that they are going to get a major scare from the upstart Gamecocks. South Carolina hasn't been the most impressive, quarterback Blake Mitchell is nothing special, and the only thing to really write home about is their two running-backs (Cory Boyd and Mike Davis have combined for over 500 yards rushing). Yet, the coaching match-up, LSU's Les Miles and South Carolina's Steve Spurrier, leads me to believe South Carolina has a huge edge. Miles is not a great coach, as he squanders games he should win (See last year, when they probably had the most talented team in the South Eastern Conference (SEC), and yet didn't even make the championship game). Spurrier, on the other hand, is one of the all-time greats, as he put Florida football on the map back in the 90's. I don't think that South Carolina will pull off the upset, but it will be very close. And it will show that the # 2 Tigers are beatable.

Prediction: LSU 24, South Carolina 23

#22 Georgia @ #16 Alabama

In one of the greatest coaching match-ups of the year (Mark Richt vs. Nick

Saban), 'Bama is coming off a huge win against Arkansas. The real question this week is can they stay at the same energy level as last Saturday, or will they tail off? There is no doubt this will be a more defensive game than the 41-38 result. Can quarterback Matt Stafford provide enough offense to get Georgia back into the SEC title race? Or will it be quarterback John Parker Wilson and the Alabama Offense that scores enough on a stout Bulldog defense? I'm guessing 'Bama, since they have the home-field edge.

Prediction: Alabama 24, Georgia 17

10 Penn State @ Michigan

Ok, so I know that the title is about the South Eastern Conference, however, I feel that Penn State fans think this is a pretty big game. I agree, as Michigan is better than everyone thinks. I know what you all are thinking, "Ummm, Zack, Michigan lost to a 1-AA team, and then got destroyed by Oregon." I know that, and I also know that Michigan came out flat, and also struggles against spread offenses with mobile quarterbacks. They also thrive on beating Penn State, as Joe Pa hasn't won a game against Big Blue since 1996. I don't think it will change either. Nobody has stopped running-back Mike Hart on the ground, as he has run for over 500 yards and 5 TD's in 3 games, and I don't think PSU will be able to either. PSU, offensively, I feel is overrated, especially with quarterback Anthony Morelli. They do have a talented group of wide receivers, especially with Norwood and Williams. If PSU can get a couple of good returns from Williams, The Nittany Lions can win the game, but I really like the Wolverines in this match-up, regardless if its Henne or Mallet under center for Michigan.

Prediction: Michigan 21, PSU 17

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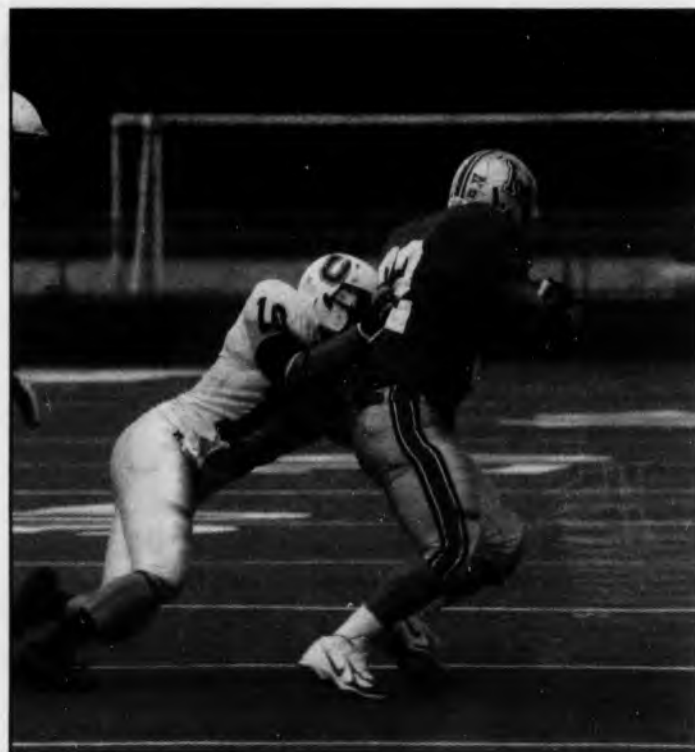
Mules roll in home opener

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Silver Bullets were flying again, and this time they were also aided by the offense. Quarterback Eric Santagato scored three times (twice on the ground), and running-back John DeLuca ran for a career-high 122 yards and a TD as the Mules thrashed the Union Dutchmen, 34-0. The offensive line also did its part, as they only allowed 4 sacks, compared to 7 two weeks ago at TCNJ. However, as much as the offense improved, it was the defense that stole the show.

For the second time in as many tries this season they held their opponent scoreless, as well as under 100 yards of total offense (87 total offensive yards). They allowed only three first downs, and forced four sacks, three fumbles, and an interception. They also held one of Union's best players, running-back Zach Tillo, to 41 yards on 16 carries. On defense, 5th year senior defensive-end Chris Musselman recorded two sacks, and free safety David Mazzola recorded his second interception of the season, to help stifle the Dutchmen attack. It has now been nine consecutive quarters without a point allowed, dating back to last year's finale at Moravian.

You can catch the Mules next contest on Saturday, September 22nd. They will be playing at Gettysburg, whom they defeated 54-14 last season.



Top left: Junior running-back Erik Snyder

Top right: Junior running-back John DeLuca

Bottom: Junior free safety Dave Mazzola picks off a pass in the fourth quarter.

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Get connected with the Senior Class

By Ally Margolis
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Senior Class Connections Campaign (SCCC) encourages this year's seniors to get involved in all that the College has to offer both now and in the future. The Campaign has been in session for four years, hosting many events including last Thursday's Senior Barbeque.

The SCCC consists of twenty-five current seniors, known as agents, along with two advisors; Christina Razzi, Assistant Director of the Muhlenberg Fund for the Office of Development and Alumni Relations and Sarah Roach, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations. Every senior is assigned to an agent and it's the job of these agents to tell students about campus events and ways to stay in touch with the college as alumni.

They act as leaders and "serve as a bridge between the College's alumni, staff and students," states Eliana Verghese '08, event Co-Chair. The agents make sure that the Senior Class is updated on regional clubs and acknowledges the importance of giving back to the College by donating to the Muhlenberg Fund. The SCCC's sole objective is to guide seniors through the shift from being students to becoming alumni.

About 45 percent of last year's class donated to the Muhlenberg Fund. The

Class of 2008 hopes to exceed last year's rate, reaching up to sixty percent participation. If this year's class raises at least five-thousand dollars, Rich Brueckner, Chairman of the Board, will match that amount. Although no class has ever beaten this challenge so far, this year's senior class hopes to be the first. The Senior Class Connections Campaign Executive Board was in charge of putting together last Thursday's barbeque.

The three event Co-Chairs were especially helpful in putting the event together. Verghese acted as the point person, leading the committee in organizing the menu, decorations, programming, center pieces and more.

The barbeque featured a DJ, food, alcohol, and an introduction between the agents and the Senior Class. Matthew Roessler '08, SCCC Chairperson, made a speech, along with Ryan Campbell '08, Gift Co-Chair and Marjorie Hass, Provost. "[The event was] a great success. There was an air of connectedness and comradery," said Verghese.

A gift table was present for seniors to make their donations if they wanted to. So far, the Senior Class has contributed twenty gifts, allotting to \$1,560.46. The Young Alumni Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg Society (YAHMMS) gave twelve of those gifts. Two of them, worth \$200 each, serve as part of the Alumni Trust Fund (ATF).

The ATF is a gift given along with the College's endowment, in order to earn interest that becomes income. The Alumni Association Executive Council uses this income to fund programs that will work to further the connection between fellow alumni and the College. The YAHMMS, along with giving donations, also visits the campus many times throughout the year, expressing the overall voice of alumni members.

Without the YAHMMS and the HMMS, the Senior Class Connections Campaign would not be the same. Stay tuned for the following SCCC events: "Thank you Muhlenberg," "Wine and Cheese," and "Champagne Brunch."

Rainbow space: coming to a Life Sports Center near you

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services and Coordinator of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community on campus has established a new space in the Life Sports Center specifically for LGBT students. This room, dubbed "the Rainbow Space", is a place for these students to feel comfortable and safe in being themselves. When Kelly was first appointed LGBT Coordinator by President Helm last year, one of the first steps she took was to observe how other colleges were involving and supporting their LGBT communities.

Most colleges in the surrounding area, including Lehigh, Lafayette and DeSales, had some type of space for their LGBT students to call their own. Kelly realized that the College was in need of a similar space and so she decided to approach Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, about the matter.

They decided that the former Student Council Office in the Life Sports Center would be an appropriate place to utilize because of its privacy from other classrooms.

The goal for the Rainbow Space is for it to become a regular hang out for LGBT students. There are tables, chairs, and couches so that students can do homework and socialize and Kelly is working on getting a new computer for the room.

The location will hopefully encourage students to grab food and beverages at

the formerly known, "Powerhouse Café," while they work and hang out with friends. Kelly believes that this new space will contribute a lot to the College because she explains that "typically LGBT students feel left out on campus. The Rainbow Space will give them a sense of belonging because this space is just for them."

There will be a grand opening and first ever LGBT alumni event reception in the Rainbow Space this Sat., Sept. 29th from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, snacks, and beverages will be provided for the returning alumni. "In the past LGBT have not felt a part of the College. They saw no reason to return because they felt that there was nothing back here for them. Now they have something to come back to and be apart of. They can now feel that their experiences at the College have helped pave the way for current students," explained Kelly.

After the alumni reception, the Rainbow Space will be open and available for students to use at any time. Kelly anticipates that in between classes and evenings during the week will be a popular time for student gathering.

There have been a few complaints so far that the Rainbow Space is too far out of the way from most places on campus. Kelly, however, sees this as a positive feature because it gives the space some seclusion.

This new space embodies the College's progressive and inclusive ideals by providing LGBT students with a place that makes them feel a part of the campus community.



Members of the Senior Class gathered together at the SCCC sponsored BBQ last Thursday.

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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Oh my Muhlenberg

With Homecoming Weekend approaching, we're starting to think about those we've watched take those faithful steps out of the 'Berg Bubble. It's an equally bizarre experience for alum to return to their alma mater, as it is for current students to suddenly notice the campus crawling with older graduated students. As students who have been involved in campus life throughout our time at Muhlenberg, we wonder if we will return as alum for one year, for many to follow, or if we will return at all. Will we return to see our younger classmates, party with our graduating class, or just come back to check up on the status of *The Weekly* in our absence?

So, what does attract alum to visit the College? This year the school happens to be celebrating 50 years of co-education, bringing back homecoming queens from the last 50 years. As great as it is that so many past alum want to participate in this event, do current members of the College really care all that much? We feel that most students are pretty apathetic about the crowning of Homecoming King and Queen as a small portion of the Student Body comes out to cheer for the Mules Football Team at the Homecoming Game.

The alumni realize the importance of Homecoming, which is why they come back. Upon returning they recognize things have changed. Freshmen year, everyone is going through the same period of transition. Sophomore year, everyone is figuring out their majors and who they want to be at the College. Junior year, students separate to explore their options, in another country or through internships, yet most return for Senior year. Senior year, students ban together realizing this is it, and then question oh-my-god-what-is-my-future?! In all four stages though, these students are still one class and are experiencing each step together.

Once Seniors are presented with their diploma, it's each mule for him or herself. When alumni return, they all have their own story to tell. Some may have their dream jobs, while others are still looking and then there are some who have yet to enter the real world and are still in an academic environment. Homecoming Weekend is a time for alums to return and revisit with other members of their class with whom they once shared every waking moment.

Even though our times at Muhlenberg are both loved and loathed, we hope that our need for nostalgia will find us running back to rejoin our classmates for Homecoming Weekend in future years to come.

To the Editor:

This year's homecoming halftime show will feature the past 50 years of Homecoming Queens as a celebration of coeducation. What the show will not feature are the three dedicated groups that usually perform; MINT*, The Perkulators and The Soul Sound Steppers. We all appreciate the women of the past and their perseverance to establish coeducation at the College; however, it is not fair to penalize the current female students who are everyday working towards today's needs and goals of the Muhlenberg Community. MINT*, a hip-hop dance team that was created at the College 4 years ago, has worked hard to introduce a different and diverse type of dancing to the College Community. This year, the remaining two founders and original members are graduating making this one of their last big performances. The Perkulators and Soul Sound Steppers, two other well established teams of the College are also getting the short end of the stick. The Office of Alumni Relations has decided that there will be no type of dance entertainment during the Homecoming halftime show this year due to the ceremony celebrating the Homecoming Queens of the past. This decision, however, was voiced to the performing groups only 5 days before Homecoming. I cannot begin to express my aggravation with this decision nor explain how hard we have worked for a new dance to debut at homecoming. Displaying the last 50 years of Homecoming Queens may be fun to the alumni community, but what about the current Muhlenberg community? Have we not made our own contributions to the school as well? The homecoming halftime show is one of the few times MINT*, The Perkulators and The Soul Sound Steppers are able to display all of their hard work, and once again that opportunity is being taken away. Whoever is in charge of planning the homecoming halftime show is not being considerate of over 50 young women that make up these three teams. When members of MINT* tried to contact the Office of Alumni Relations to work out some sort of compromise their request was once again pushed to a later date. Both teams have been working unbelievably hard in providing a new dance for the Homecoming game and to notify us 5 days before the event is UNFAIR. Please do not be mistaken, this letter is not stating that the women of the past should not be recognized however just noting that the College's women of today should not be ignored. The late and brief statement that was sent to the members of MINT*, The Perkulators and The Soul Sound Steppers portrays the individuals responsible for this decision as dismissive and inconsiderate of current students. Are these the qualities that we should remember about our College during our final years? I think not. Today's students will eventually be the alumni of tomorrow and this treatment will not be forgotten. We have no choice but to respect the decision of our college however we feel as if this should have been brought to our attention sooner rather than later. Does displaying the last 50 years of homecoming queens really display the empowerment of women? Or does the organization of over 50 girls working together to reach one common goal and provide a diversity of entertainment display how far we have come. It takes a lot of team work, effort, planning and practicing to do what we do. Those should be the attributes noted when thinking of the past 50 years of coeducation.

**50 years of
coeducation.
A Homecoming
game without
performances.**

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In last week's edition of *The Weekly*, there was an article regarding the recent change in Campus Safety's policy of transporting upperclassmen with medical needs. Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, involved the Campus Safety Committee of Student Council, of which I am a part of, in the discussion on the policy change.

Originally, Campus Safety provided transportation to any student of the College for any medical need, emergency or otherwise. However, it was the opinion of many that Campus Safety officers should not be used as a taxi service for upperclassmen. Since first year students, by college rule, are forbidden from having a vehicle on campus, the policy change does not affect them. Upperclassmen, on the other hand, are able to have a vehicle on campus, and if they do not, it is their own personal choice.

For this reason, Campus Safety feels that upperclassmen should be responsible enough to schedule any medical appointments for a time when they can transport themselves, or find a friend to do so.

If a student is in need of an immediate emergency medical visit stemming from something such as a sports injury sustained at practice or a game, Campus Safety *will* provide transportation to that individual regardless of class year.

If an injury, however, is not an emergency and requires an appointment within a few days, and the student is an upperclassman, then that individual is responsible for finding his or her own source of transportation.

Basically, if it's an emergency, Campus Safety will transport you to whatever medical facility you need, regardless of upperclassman status. If it's not an emergency, and you're an upperclassman, it is your responsibility to transport yourself.

If there are any further questions about the policy change, simply contact Campus Safety, located in the basement of Prosser Hall. If you would like to have your voice heard on issues such as these, along with any committee of Student Council, the Campus Safety Committee of Student Council meets at 4:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Campus Safety Office, and again, is open to all Muhlenberg students.

Clarification on new Campus Safety policy

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The right call



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Mahmoud Ahmadinejad is joining the long list of controversial leaders who have walked the streets of New York City on diplomatic immunity prior to speaking at the United Nations. Yet, the Iranian leader created a firestorm before he even landed on American soil, with a request to visit Ground Zero to pay his respects. Furthermore, he

had been invited to speak at Columbia University as a part of their World Leaders Forum.

For those who do not know who Ahmadinejad is, he is currently the President of Iran. He has been highly antagonistic to American interests with his actions and his words. Beyond his criticism of America, he is noted for calling the Holocaust a myth and even going far enough to host a panel of Holocaust deniers in his nation. Publicly, Ahmadinejad has called for the destruction of the state of Israel. His actions as President of Iran have certainly been detrimental to the American effort in Iraq.

Although he is not the most powerful man in his country (it is the religious clerics who run Iran's government), his conservative policies have strained American/Iranian relations, which were making progress under the previous, more liberal President.

The New York Police Department made the right decision upon denying his request to visit Ground Zero. The official reason was for security concerns. In reality, it was that it

was inconceivable for our nation to let this man anywhere near where the World Trade Center stood.

His country is responsible for funding and supporting numerous terrorist organizations throughout the world. It would be a complete hypocrisy for him to "pay his respects" at Ground Zero. Perhaps the best decision would have been to let him go to the World Trade Center, minus the security, and let Ahmadinejad face the angry crowds in New York City. They would have given him a taste of a nation where people are free to act without fear, especially of being abused by their government. Hordes of angry New Yorkers would have done more than keep him away from Ground Zero.

Despite protests, Columbia University went ahead with the decision to let him speak at their campus. It was agreed that he must face a question and answer session that would challenge his controversial

stances on America, Israel, and the Holocaust. I agree with Columbia's decision to let him speak. This is a free country. We will listen to everyone's ideas. In Ahmadinejad's case, we will listen to his ideas and then tear him to pieces about the foolishness of his words. He will succeed in doing nothing but presenting Iran as a backward nation, and further the resistance against his leadership.

Hopefully, the intelligent people who populate the streets of Iran will realize the downfalls of the people who currently govern them and represent them to the rest of the world.

New York is the greatest city in the world. It should feel honored to get the right to host the United Nations and all of the leaders from various countries. Yet, diplomatic immunity only goes so far. Letting Ahmadinejad speak was a good decision; keeping him as far away from Ground Zero as possible was an even better one.

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Fairness in ORS? Not in my house

By Skylar Charry
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

As a senior at the College, I am thrilled that I will never again have to deal directly with the Office of Residential Services. That is, unless housing finds a thumbtack hole in my room and decides to withhold my official transcript until I pay the exorbitant charge of \$100 for ruining their walls. I hold a hostile tone towards this office for some very specific reasons that I plan to lay out.

As the summer of 2007 came to an end, I was faced with a last-minute obligation that caused me to miss the first day of school. In addition to missing Monday's classes, I was unable to move in to my room during the allotted days. As a result, my mother contacted housing two weeks prior to the opening of school to arrange an early move in. Her call was received by an extremely rude woman who was of no assistance at all until my mother insisted that a "no" was not helpful and that she needed to find a way to make it work.

A couple of days later I received an email from this same woman. She said, "Your mother called my office yesterday regarding your need to arrive early. I've considered your request and want to support you with what sounds like a wonderful opportunity for both now and your future. I cannot store a student's belongings, so we need to check you in early. There is an early arrival fee. Given the nature of your request, I am only going to charge you \$50 rather than \$50 for each day your things are here before opening."

Come move-in day, which I hoped would be quick because I needed to get back to New York, I opened the door to my suite to find an old soiled living room sofa along with other furniture, textbooks and water bottles strewn about the room. It was evident that the space had not been cleaned since the end of the previous year. After receiving the first email, my faith had been somewhat restored in Residential Services, but now I was furious. I couldn't believe that they were going to charge me \$50 to move into a filthy dorm room.

After expressing my reluctance to pay to the Presidential Assistant of Residential Services,

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9:30 pm - *La Petite Jérusalem (Little Jerusalem)* - Karim Albou, France, 2004, 96 min.



All screenings are free and open to the public and are held in the Lithgow Science Auditorium (Trumbower 130).

This event was made possible with the support of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the French Ministry of Culture (CNC). Additional support is being provided by the College's Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures; the Department of Media and Communication; the Film Studies program; and the Center for Ethics.

Ignorance: Anything but Bliss

By Joe Beninati
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Why does the Arab world have such a deep-rooted hatred towards the Western world?

This is the very question that the West cannot answer. Yet, if we look to the twentieth century it will open our eyes to the various defeats and embarrassments suffered by the Arab world that has led to their hatred for us today. At the start of World War I the Ottoman Empire, a Turkish and Islamic empire, was beginning to decline. They joined with the German effort, and by the end of the war the empire was non-existent. They were forced to give up the vast majority of their land to the Western victors of the war.

The British Empire expressed its support for an Israeli state in Palestine,

despite promising Arab independence in the area. For the next decade, the British ruled over Middle Eastern states with a pro-Israel government, which obviously spurred ongoing hatred and violence in the Israeli occupied territories. Eventually, the British relinquished their grip, and independent sovereign Muslim nations rose to power.

Immediately following the British mandate and end of World War II, Israel declared its independence and was granted some Palestinian land.

From this action stems two of the most embarrassing defeats suffered by the Arab world. The first occurred in 1948, when a coalition force that comprised troops from Egypt, Syria, Jordan,

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Racial Injustice: Who Cares?

By Miles Davison
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

On Sept. 20, 2007 over 10,000 demonstrators took to the streets of Jena, Louisiana. This small town of 3,000 residents has been thrust into the national spotlight amongst accusations of racial injustice and violations of civil rights. The people who gathered there were protesting what they viewed as the unfair treatment of six black high school students who have come to be known collectively as the "Jena 6". These young men were allegedly involved in the beating of a white teenager on December 4, 2006, and were subsequently arrested, charged, and in some cases convicted, for their participation in the event.

Racial tensions in Jena first erupted in August of 2006, when nooses were discovered hanging from a tree in the high school's field. The nooses were the work of a few white high school students who were angered that some black students had decided to hang out by their tree, which was typically the hangout of white students only. Although the white students responsible were at first expelled for the act, the local superintendent reversed that decision, and instead the students were sent to an alternative school for a month, followed by two weeks of in-school suspension. The Superintendent felt that expulsion was too harsh of a punishment for what he called a high school "prank".

During the following months, tensions at the school rose, and fights broke out between whites and blacks on a fairly regular basis. Matters got so bad at Jena high school that in September of 2006, police began patrolling the halls to ensure the safety of students.

Then, on December 4th, 2006, Justin Barker, a 17-year-old white high school student, was attacked by 6 black students at school. His was hit over the head and then kicked once he fell to the ground. Barker was treated at the local hospital for a concussion and swollen eye. That evening Barker attended a school ring ceremony. He testified that, "I waited 11 years to go to it. I wasn't going to let that get in my way".

The six black students were then arrested, and five of them (Robert Bailey, Jr., then 17; Mychal Bell, then 16; Carwin Jones, then 18; Bryant Purvis, then 17; and Theo Shaw, then 17) were charged with attempted second-degree murder. In the case against Mychal Bell, the prosecution attempted to justify the attempted murder charge by arguing that Bell's tennis shoes should be considered deadly weapons. The sixth student, Jesse Ray Beard, was charged as a juvenile, because he was 14 at the time.

I was initially alerted to this situation through a message on Facebook.com, call-

ing me to take action. I was appalled by the details of the case, but only took the time to forward it to all of my friends, and then forgot about it for a while. That is, it remained in the back of my mind until the march last week made national headlines. It was then that I became more interested in learning about all of the facts of the case.

The more research I did, the more unsettling the overall picture became. I thought, REALLY? Nooses hanging from trees? Marches for civil rights? Racial tension and police involvement? Are we really still dealing with this sort of thing in this country? The answer is a clear and resounding, YES.

The unfairness reflected in the harsh charges brought against the Jena 6 and the relatively minor punishment which the white students responsible for the noose incident received are symptomatic of a larger problem in this country. It reflects the tendency of our so-called justice system to criminalize those with black skin.

There is a large body of research on this subject, which documents the various ways in which racial injustice is perpetrated in the Courts.

Nationwide, black men are incarcerated at 9.6 times the rate of white men. In addition, one-fourth of all black males and 16 percent of Latinos can expect to spend time in jail during their lifetime, while only 4 percent of white males ever go to prison.

Black men are also more likely to be convicted and receive longer sentences for the same crime when compared to white men. Black men are also more likely to receive the death penalty than men of any other race.

Unjust laws play a part in these unequal outcomes. For example, under federal law, dealing five grams of crack cocaine gets a first time offender a mandatory minimum sentence of five years. To receive a similar mandatory minimum sentence for trafficking in powder cocaine, an offender must possess 500 grams.

Crack cocaine is less expensive than powder cocaine and is therefore more commonly used by blacks and those of low socio-economic status, whereas powder cocaine tends to be used by the more affluent.

Discrimination and racism are still alive and very prevalent in our criminal justice system, but how we handle convicted criminals is another area for concern.

Our prisons tend to focus on punishment instead of rehabilitation. As Alan Jennings said during a panel at the College last spring, "Prison is the place where criminals go to become better criminals."

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I received the following email: "I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that our office did take into account the condition of your suite when we applied the charges. The standard rate is \$50.00 per day. You moved in on Aug. 22nd, three days prior to upperclassmen move-in. You would have typically been charged \$150.00 for the three days. The office cut \$100 off your charge for any inconvenience you may have experienced during move-in. I feel that this reduction in fee is sufficient for the circumstances you experienced, and therefore, I still request that you pay the balance of \$50.00."

I will pay the \$50 fee because classes have started and I have more pressing concerns, but students of the College beware. Some members of the staff in the Office of Residential Services need lessons in manners, and others should be conscious of that fact that turning over a dirty dorm room is not acceptable at any rate, even a reduced one.

ARABS

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Lebanon, Iraq and Saudi Arabia led an all out, but not well executed, attack on Israel. The Israeli Army, which was severely outnumbered, pushed the Arab troops back and gained more land from the Arab countries. This incident sparked hatred not only toward Israel, but also toward any country in support of Israel, most notably the United States and Britain.

Thus the hatred for the West was formed, and only increased with a second defeat of the Arab States in the Six-Day War by Israel in 1967. It began with an alliance between Egypt, Jordan and Syria after preemptive air strikes by Israel destroyed Arab air defenses. The fighting that ensued was intense and after only 6 days of fighting the Israeli Army decimated the Arab coalition. Israel emerged not

only as the victor, but also as a recognized state and the preeminent military power in the heavily Islamic region.

In the late 1980's into the early 1990's, Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait, which he claimed was in the defense of Islam, was turned back by the United States. His regime would last only another decade before being toppled by a Western-led invasion force. The defeats suffered by the Arab world at the hands of the West created animosity and a deep-rooted hatred for the West that remains today.

Citizens of the West need not only recognize the history that lies behind this, but also the unavoidable differences between our cultures. Islam functions not only as a religion, but it also exists as a form of government. To the fundamentalists, it is the only form of acceptable government. Democracy is thus not looked at as a form of gov-

erning, but rather as another religion with opposing ideals to that of Islam. Therefore, the Western goal of instituting democracy in the Middle East is viewed as an invasion of an opposing religion that will overthrow Islam.

This gives rise to the violence from the Islamic fundamentalist that is running rampant through the Middle East.

The West needs to stop its elevation of the Islamic fundamentalists and radicals to superpower status.

President Bush's declaration of war on these groups elevates them to the status of the United States. We need to stop giving them the media coverage they want, and we need to stop helping them recruit members.

To attain the success and level of peace desired in the region, the West must refocus on what the goals are, and take into account the historical lessons and the vast cultural differences between the two regions.

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This is part of the reason why recidivism rates are so shockingly high. In fact, more than 50% of the people who walk freely out of prison will be incarcerated again within three years.

So how do we deal with the discrimination and racism we find in our criminal justice system?

Well, it seems to be the

case that most of us, white people especially, don't really care. I don't personally know anyone who was moved enough by the events in Jena to travel to Louisiana to march with the over 10,000 people who did care enough to make an appearance. That's probably because most of the people I know are white. The march in Jena consisted of predominantly African-American demonstrators. Many students at predomi-

nantly black colleges recognized the need for action, and they were there on September 20th.

Don't think that if you're white this doesn't affect you, because it does. If we continue to accept racism and inequality as acceptable facts of life, we will all bear the consequences. Problems of crime, social instability, and racial tension will not simply vanish if we continue to ignore them, they will only

grow worse.

We need to demand fair and equal treatment under the law for everyone.

We need to reform unjust laws that criminalize minorities and the poor.

We need to turn prisons into places of rehabilitation and growth.

And, when something happens like what is going on in Jena right now, we need to take a stand and make our objections heard, in person.

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A step in the paper-less direction

By Meredith Clinton
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Every fall semester students receive in their mailboxes, a Student Directory, that includes information such as permanent home address, parents' names, campus address, and mailbox number. Starting this semester, students will no longer be receiving this directory in their mailboxes. Instead, they must log onto Capstone where all contact information has been transferred.

Following in the College's efforts to be as sustainable as possible, one of the deciding factors for this switch was the ability to save ink and paper, seeing as

the directory used an excessive amount of these resources. In addition to this, the cost of savings on these resources and the labor of making the directory will be reduced.

Another drawback of the paper-edition of the directory was that it could not be updated when information was changed regarding a student, but now that the directory is lined with live data, students can be sure that the information they are viewing is accurate and up-to-date.

The group of administrators that decided to go forth with putting the information onto Capstone consisted of the Office of Information Technology (OIT), the Dean

of Students Office, the Office of Residential Services and the Registrar's Office.

When the directory was still in paper form it was put together by Jane Schubert, Assistant Dean of Students, with assistance from OIT. OIT ran a report with the information and Schubert assembled the hard copy. For the new Capstone program, OIT provided a comma delimited data file to Office of Residential Services.

"The data file was an extract from Capstone containing all registered day students at a specific point in time. This data will now be updated nightly and feed to a web page behind the

faculty/staff and student Capstone Online login," said Vince Pace, Systems Manager of Information Technology.

While all of the information posted on Capstone is "directory information" it is possible for students to request that their information not be put into the system.

According to Debbie Tamte-Horan, Registrar, "If a student would like to not have his or her information included in the directory, they should come to the Registrar's Office and complete a request to not release directory information."

"We would then remove the student from the online directory. Unfortunately, at

this time, it is all or nothing; either the information is there, or nothing is there," added Tamte-Horan. The request will take approximately 2-5 days to be processed into the system.

The directory was first put up last Wed., Sept. 19. Since it is accessible through Capstone only, students can be sure that no one outside of the College community can view their information. "The best consequence of the switch is its accuracy. In the past, when the directory was printed it immediately became out of date. Now, when changes are made to a student's contact information, it will be updated and available," concluded Tamte-Horan.

Jewish campus life reaches new heights

By Nicole Falso
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life recently compiled an objective ranking of the top twenty schools across the nation with the highest percentage of Jewish students that was featured in every major Jewish publication around the country, including *Reform Judaism Magazine's* Fall 2007 "Insider's Guide to College."

In this ranking, the College was named number ten out of the top 20 schools across the nation with the most Jewish students. Muhlenberg, with 650 Jewish students (a total of 31%), falls directly at the half-mark of this list lead by

Yeshiva University with a Jewish population of 93.5%.

Just because a school may have a large Jewish population does not always mean that the presence of that group is felt; however, on the College's campus that presence is undeniable.

The percentage of Jewish students at the College has been slowly increasing over the years. Patti Mittleman, the Jewish Chaplain and Hillel Director, has been on campus for 19 years and has seen this change take place. Mittleman explains, "Every year the numbers and percentages go up. Some years are spike years with great increases in numbers. This year was one of those spike years." This year's Freshmen Class boasted the most Jewish students in a class with 36% Jewish students.

Mittleman notes, "Muhlenberg is a school that students really like and that parents really like," and explains that the College's popularity is often spread by word of mouth in the Jewish community, making it a popular choice for Jewish students to consider in their college search.

With these growing numbers, the College's increasing Jewish population can be felt strongly

throughout campus in the thriving Jewish community that the school fosters.

One of the biggest ways that the presence of Jewish life is felt on campus is through the College's exceptionally strong Hillel program – also a large drawing point for perspective Jewish students.

Nicole Bernard, Hillel co-president, explained, "When I was looking at schools I was blown away by Muhlenberg's Hillel program. The fact that Muhlenberg's Hillel had two full-time employees as well as its own house was so rare for a school of its size. The program here is really strong and very unique." the College's Hillel program offers an accessible and welcoming community for students on campus.

Hillel hosts weekly Shabbat dinners, bi-weekly Sunday morning bagel brunches and many other events and activities around campus.

Additionally, Hillel provides a place for students to celebrate the Jewish holidays while away from home, including Rosh Hashanah dinner, Yom Kippur break fast, and even offering free tickets to synagogue services for students wishing to attend.

Bernard explains that,

"Muhlenberg is definitely on the radar" in terms of schools across the nation with thriving Jewish communities and said, "Our Hillel also attracts big Jewish leaders in the country."

For example, on Oct. 1, Hillel will be hosting a dinner event with special guest Ruth Messenger, a prominent New York politician. Not only has Hillel become one of the College's most active organizations, but it is also strongly supported by the administration.

Additionally, the strong backbone that Hillel provides for Jewish life on campus has contributed to religious diversity and cultural awareness here at the College.

Mittleman explains, "At Muhlenberg 30 years ago, not many non-Jewish students knew what Rosh Hashanah was or had ever heard of kosher food." She said, "Hillel's strong presence has really been a teaching tool for students."

Jewish life on the College's campus has definitely evolved and expanded. "Not only are we getting more Jewish students at the College, but the Jewish students that are coming into the school are also increasingly more observant," said Bernard. This trend in admission is evident in

many areas around campus.

Not only has interest in Hillel activities increased, but kosher food is now offered in General's Quarters. Additionally, Jewish life on campus is prevalent because it is extended to non-Jewish students as well. Bernard said, "Jewish life here is so active and inviting. We say that everyone is invited and included in Hillel events and we mean it."

Mittleman explained that she was not surprised to see the College on the top 20 list. The obvious growth in numbers of Jewish students at the College as well as the challenge to accommodate the growing number of students eager to attend and participate in various Hillel events, implies that the College's Jewish community is stronger than ever and continuing to increase.

Though the Jewish population is notably large on the College's campus, it's not the number of Jewish students as much as the strength and spirit of the Jewish community which makes the greatest impact. Bernard explained that when she saw the *Reform Judaism* article she was, "Excited for the future" and confident that, "The current path that we're on will definitely continue."

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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A lesson on generation equality

By Eric Feld
OP/ED EDITOR

Several students at the College received a brush with fame on Tues., Sept. 18, when prominent activist Candace Gingrich addressed a crowd of about 40 at the College's new Multicultural Center. Gingrich is the Senior Youth Outreach Manager with the Human Rights Campaign.

Sponsored by the Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA), College Democrats and the Counseling Center, Gingrich primarily spoke to students about mobilizing public support for the Employment Nondiscrimination Act (ENDA), which has been awaiting a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives. Introduced by Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), ENDA seeks to federally mandate that employers may not discriminate against employees on the basis of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Frank, who is openly homosexual himself, is a longtime champion of legis-

lation dealing with issues of civil rights.

Gingrich opened her informal meeting by giving a brief background of her own experiences as both a social activist and a member of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. As the half-sister of former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Candace Gingrich explained how she was thrust into the limelight and the world of activism in 1994 when the media revealed her homosexuality to the world.

Opting to focus more on ENDA and general problems with discrimination in both public and workplaces around the nation, Gingrich shared multiple emotionally moving testimonies from members of the GLBT community who had been targeted on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

At the conclusion of the meeting, all students in attendance wrote full, personalized letters to their Congressional representatives urging them to support

passage of ENDA.




"The need to pass ENDA is especially important for college students who are about to enter the workforce and want the safety to know that they will be judged based on the quality of their work and not who they love," said Adrian Shanker '09, who coordinated the event. Although ENDA has not yet passed, Gingrich noted that the private sector has shown promise toward efforts to promote socially progressive legislation.

"The corporate world has been very progressive with GLBT issues," said Gingrich. "When they get to know us and our issues, they tend to be very supportive."

This is not the first time that employment nondiscrimination legislation has been considered on Capital Hill. In 1996, ENDA lost by just 1 vote in the Senate. Gingrich and other members of the GLBT community are generally optimistic for ENDA in 2007 and have

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Mostly Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny
High: 76 Low: 50	High: 73 Low: 47	High: 71 Low: 50

Council Corner

Get weekly news about what your
Student Council is doing for you!

This Week's News:

ELECTIONS will be held
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noted that its best chance for passage since its narrow defeat may be now.

Lately, Gingrich has devoted many of her activist efforts toward focusing on grassroots movements and youth mobilization programs. Because she believes that the number of people say that they know someone who is gay has increased dramatically in the last 20 years, Gingrich believes that this

has led to a general acceptance of GLBT issues in the media and society.

"Generation equality" is what I call your generation," said Gingrich. "The current generation is more supportive of GLBT issues than any other generation." "The GSA was very excited to host Gingrich at Muhlenberg," commented Shanker, adding that, "Her story has inspired so many gays and lesbians to come out of the closet, and it was wonderful to hear her captivating story one-on-one."



Alum Emily Schweighardt '07 conversed with Candace Gingrich on Mon. Sept., 18.

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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 18 – Hit and Run – A student's car was hit in the 23rd & Gordon Street parking lot. A report has been filed and there are no suspects at this time.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 428 Albright Street.

Sept. 19 – Theft – Three Senior Class Connections signs valued at \$350 were stolen from Seegers Union. If anyone has any information to report about these signs that would be very much appreciated.

Sept. 19 – Theft – A fan was stolen out of a soap and air freshener unit from the basement of Taylor Hall.

Sept. 19 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – A bong and pipe were discovered in a room of students on the first floor of Walz Hall. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 20 – Arrest Warrant – A now ex Sedhexo employee was arrested at GQ for giving false reports to law

enforcement.

Sept. 21 – Underage Consumption – An intoxicated student was found on the first floor of Walz Hall. She refused medical transport. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 21 – Suspicious Person – A suspicious person was found riding his bike around campus. The individual was identified and verbally warned to stay off the College campus.

Sept. 21 – Fire Alarm Sounding – A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 2216 Liberty Street.

Sept. 22 – Underage Consumption – Two males were found vomiting on the second floor annex of Prosser Hall. They were transported to the hospital and cited by Allentown Police.

Sept. 22 – Sick Student – A sick student was found on the first floor of Brown Hall. She refused to go to the hospital.

Sept. 22 – Sick Student – A sick student was found outside East Hall. He was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 22 – Underage Consumption – A student was found passed out due to alcohol poisoning in the basement of Walz Hall. He was transported to the hospital and this matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 22 – Simple Assault – Two Sedhexo employee's were found punching each other in Seegers Union. This matter will be dealt with through the Sedhexo employee policy.

Sept. 22 – Injured Student – A student in the Tremont Apartments had a puncture wound on his pinky finger. He was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 22 – Noise Complaint – A noise complaint was received for 416 N. 22nd Street. They will be receiving a violation due to the loud noise.

Sept. 23 – Underage Consumption – An intoxicated student from the base-

ment of Prosser Hall was transported to the hospital due to alcohol poisoning. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 23 – Underage Consumption – A student from the basement of Prosser Hall was transported to the hospital due to alcohol poisoning. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 23 – Noise Complaint – A noise complaint was received for 2201 Liberty Street. They will be receiving letters from the College regarding the noise.

Sept. 23 – Disorderly Conduct – An unidentified non-student was found urinating on the wall outside Robertson Hall. He was told to stay off College property.

Sept. 23 – Possession of Drug Paraphernalia – Three students were found in possession of a marijuana pipe outside of the Hillcrest House. This matter has been referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 23 – Underage Consumption – A visitor of

the College was found intoxicated on the first floor of Prosser Hall, writing inappropriate things on student's white boards. She was turned over to her parents and will be receiving a letter of trespass saying that she can never come back to the College.

Sept. 23 – Institutional Vandalism – Chairs were tipped over and thrown around in the tent on the East lawn next to the Chapel.

Sept. 23 – Injured Student – A student fell backwards in her wheelchair on the ramp outside of Martin Luther Hall. She was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 24 – Sick Student – A sick student was found on the second floor of Benfer Hall. He refused treatment or transportation to the hospital.

Sept. 24 – Sex Offense – A white, heavy set male exposed himself while driving his vehicle on Gordon Street. Campus Safety could not locate the individual.

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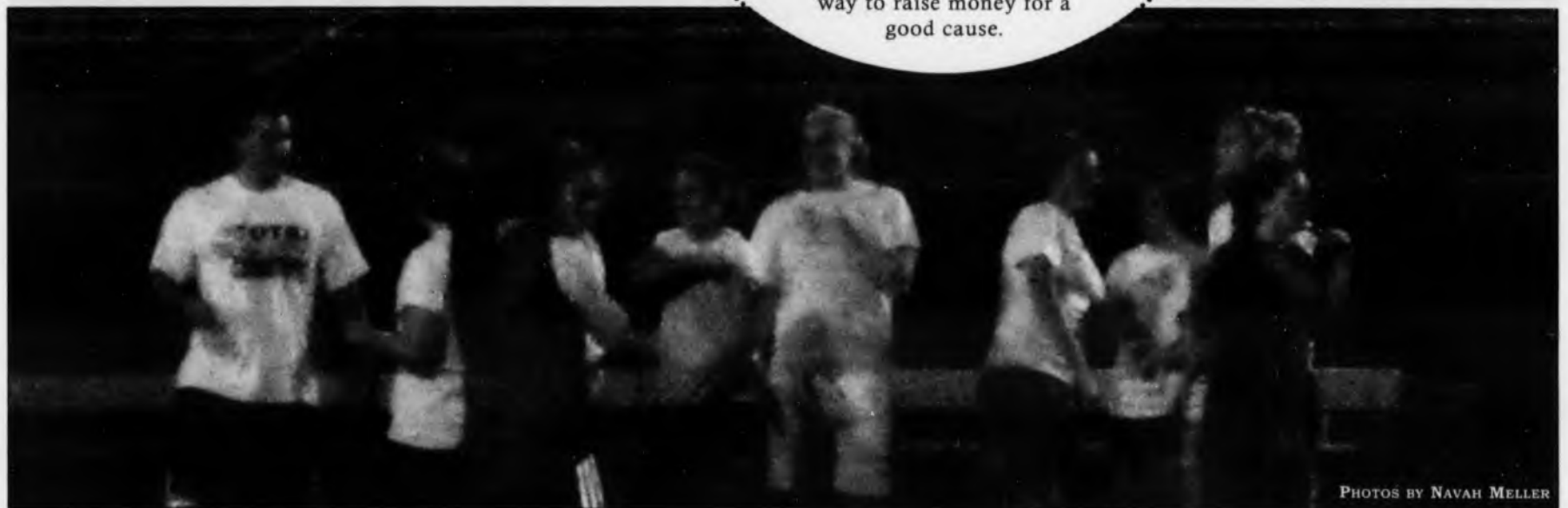
Life!

"A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing."
-George Bernard Shaw

Powder Puff Football: playing for a good cause



Females at the College faced off for a good cause on Tuesday night during the Powder Puff football game. Upper and underclassmen played for the entertainment of their fellow students and as a way to kick off Spirit Week. The teams were dressed in opposing colors, the upperclassmen were wearing pink, while the underclassmen sported red. The shirts the teams were being sold for three dollars each to support the non profit organization Rebuild Resources. This organization helps recovering drug addicts finish their educations, and the College has been supporting them through this activity for the past two consecutive years. The girls and their "coaches" enjoyed playing almost as much as the fans enjoyed watching them. Overall, it was a fun way to raise money for a good cause.



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To regret or not to regret: That is the question

By Erin Futrovsky
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

I'm almost positive that you've all done something that you regret in the past. Don't pretend you don't wish that you could just rewind time and erase the stupidest thing that you've ever done. Think about it. The stupidest thing you've ever done. Removed from your memory, and every-one else's for that matter.

If you could completely expunge the thing you most regret from the permanent records of your life, and if you could edit out the dumbest line from the epic tale of your existence, would you? To tell you the complete and utterly honest truth, I'm not sure that I would.

To wipe out a poor decision you know you've made, and the lessons you've learned from it, would be copping out. Take your slip-ups and step up. Learn from your stupid decisions. Take your mother's advice and remember your stupid mistakes-don't you dare repeat them.

Appreciate that while you may have screwed up,

royally even, it was what you felt obligated to do when backed into the corner of a sticky situation.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. It's midnight on a Wednesday. You're taking a break from writing a paper and you get that feeling. You know the one, *that* feeling. You need to get laid, and it needs to happen now.

You habitually start looking through the phone book on your cell to

see who won't be awkward tomorrow. You scroll a l m o s t halfway down the list, and then your eye has been captured.

So here you are, you've got the phone number and you have an angel on your right shoulder and a devil on your left. What do you do?

There are four types of people. The first person will call their special friend, have their way with him or her, and forget about it.

Person number two will call their "friend with benefits," have some fun, and

scrutinize over every single detail of the entire night for the next month and a half.

Person number three will keep writing their paper and pray to god that the feeling will pass.

Lastly, the fourth person will contemplate calling the entire night, never actually call and mull over what would have happened if they actually got up enough nerve to do it.

Here's my advice.

Whatever, or whoever, you do (or don't do) do not be person number four.

The worst thing in the world is to sit around and wonder what could have happened.

Take a chance and make a move. If you get painfully screwed and realize you made a pretty bad decision, at least you know you tried. Sometimes knowing that you have it in you to try is almost better than actually succeeding.

One of the hardest things in life is not knowing what's to come, or fearing the unknown. Think about this: you

know what's to come. You've made the decision, and although you have to live with the consequences, the hard part is over. You're living in the future, but the future is now.

Second-guessing yourself sucks; we all do it, but it does suck. Take losing your virginity, for example. So many young adults have so many misgivings about having sex for the first time.

There are those who lost it to the wrong person, those who didn't wait long enough, and those who didn't find their first time to be all it's cracked up to be.

Here's the thing: even though it may not have felt right, you made the decision to have sex and now you have to live with it. Plus, first times normally suck. The case of the amazingly-unbelievable first time is extremely rare. If you are one of those lucky people, I'm jealous.

But for real, don't regret what you've done in the past. At the time it was what you wanted to do and you cannot rewind or tape over your life.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND, WHAT
THREE THINGS WOULD YOU BRING WITH YOU?



"A flashlight, a bathing suit, and sunglasses."
-Michelle Consiglio '09



"A magnifying glass, a good book, and my husband - the other Dr. Shive!"
-Lousie Shive, Professor of Education



"A water fountain, the fro-yo machine from the Garden Room, and the entire class of 2010!"
-Jon Falk '10



"Food, water, and a compact mirror to signal airplanes."
-Lauren Bernton '11



"A pilot, an airplane, and a keg."
-T.F. Cöon '08

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



3:10 to Yuma

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
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The Game Plan

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Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Bourne Ultimatum

Fri. 1:40, 7:20
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Sun. 1:40, 7:20

The Brave One

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:10
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Good Luck Chuck

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
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Resident Evil: Extinction

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Sydney White

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The Kingdom

Fri. 4:10, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:10, 7:20

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Actress Salma Hayek, 40, gave birth to a baby girl on Sept. 21. Her first child, baby Valentina Paloma Pinault, is doing well. The father is Hayek's fiancée, Francois-Henri Pinault. Valentina is his third child.

Britney Spears update:

Britney Spears was given a list of orders to comply with if she wants to keep joint custody of her two children, Jayden and Sean Preston, with Kevin Federline. A judge ordered Britney to take random drug tests two times a week. In addition to that, Spears has to take parenting classes, and both Spears and Federline are not allowed to engage in drug and alcohol use beginning twelve hours before they are with their children. Lastly, the two are not allowed to speak poorly of one another in front of their children, families or publicly. The judge stated that "there is a habitual, frequent and continuous use of controlled substances and alcohol by Britney." In addition to this, Spears has also

been charged with a hit and run as well as driving without a California license. On Aug. 6, Spears was videotaped hitting her Mercedes convertible into another car, laughing and leaving the scene without any communication with the other driver. The California DMV has stated that they have never issued Spears a license. Her arraignment is scheduled for Oct. 10.

Couple News:

Jessica Alba is apparently, once again, dating long-time boyfriend, Cash Warren. The two were spotted shopping together on numerous occasions over the past week.

Current Events:

George Clooney and new girlfriend, Sarah Larson, were involved in a motorcycle accident. The couple, on Clooney's motorcycle, was hit by a car on Friday, and transported to the Palisades Medical Center in North Bergen, N.J. Both were wearing helmets. Larson suffered from a broken foot, while Clooney broke a rib and sustained road rash.

Nick Hogan, 17, has pled guilty to speeding in a construction zone.

Hogan crashed his Toyota Supra, injuring his friend, twenty-two year old John Graziano, who is still in critical condition.

Rumors swirled on the internet this week when many celebrity blog websites reported that *Hannah Montana* star Miley Cyrus was pregnant. The rumors were debunked when it became clear that the article and picture were both photo-shopped.

Lindsay Lohan has been named in the divorce of Tony and Stephanie Allen. Tony, who is the singer of the band *Dead Stays Alive*, was staying at the same Utah rehab center which Lohan is still residing in. Stephanie Allen is claiming that Lohan had sex with her husband while at rehab. Lohan's rep released a statement saying, "It's unfortunate Stephanie Allen is blaming the demise of her marriage on Lindsay. Stephanie needs to look at her marriage to determine the reason why things went wrong because it has nothing to do with Lindsay. Lindsay and Tony are friends and that's all. They are supporting one another through a similar experience. This is a

friendship based on trust and mutual support and nothing else."

Owen Wilson, who, only weeks ago, was in the hospital for trying to commit suicide, was seen this week swimming at the beach with his brother Andrew.

Singer, and Heather Locklear's ex-husband, Richie Sambora, has checked back into rehab this week. The singer is reportedly staying at Cirque Lodge in Sundance, Utah, the same center where Lindsay Lohan still is, as reported by *Star Magazine*.

Actor Kiefer Sutherland was arrested at 1:35 a.m. Tuesday morning for driving under the influence of more than the legal limit of .08, it has been reported that he blew at least twice that. Sutherland has been arrested three other times for driving under the influence. The actors previous arrests occurred in 1989, 1993, and recently in 2004. He is still under probation from his most recent arrest, which will undoubtedly affect his sentencing. If found guilty, under California law he must serve at least five days in prison.

The Kingdom: exploding into movie theaters

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

I saw *The Kingdom* this past week in a sneak preview, and was blown away by the non-stop action, and gripping storyline. This would be a great movie for everyone, especially all those guys out there who would much rather watch a good action movie than a chick flick.

When American citizens are attacked in foreign countries, it is the job of the FBI to investigate those attacks and bring the perpetrators to justice. When these attacks occur in countries where certain American interests are located (namely, Arab countries with oil), the FBI's ability to perform these tasks can be hindered by both political obstructions and cultural differences. *The Kingdom*, which opens Sept. 28, does a superb job of portraying this labyrinth of modern-day international relations.

Matthew Michael-Carnahan makes his screenwriting debut with *The Kingdom*, and writes in a similar manner to another like-minded screenwriter, Stephen Gaghan, who wrote *Syriana*.

What separates Carnahan from Gaghan is that, while Gaghan focused *Syriana* on the political aspect of US international relations, Carnahan focuses most on the violence associated with American foreign affairs.

Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper, Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman collaborate to form an elite FBI task force sent to investigate a terrorist attack at a US housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

Upon receiving word of the attacks, Ronald Fluery (Foxx) transforms from a family man into a FBI agent investigating the attacks from a briefing room in Washington, D.C. Fluery knows he can only do so much from the safe confines of his office and pressures his superiors to allow him to go to Saudi Arabia to investigate the attacks.

Fluery is granted just five days to lead a team of specialists into The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which, when asked, Grant Sykes (Cooper) equates to Mars. It is clear from the moment the team arrives in Saudi Arabia that their lives are in immediate danger.

The King of Saudi Arabia decides

that the political ramifications of Americans being killed are too high and reserves his highest priority for their safe return home, possibly even higher than catching the perpetrator of the attacks.

Because the safety of the task force is such a high priority, their ability to perform their duties is hindered. Fluery is denied permission to leave the compound to investigate and Sykes is not permitted to collect evidence.

Cultural divisions also make it hard for the American team to go about their jobs. Janet Mayes (Garner) is not allowed to meet with the royal family because she is a woman and Adam Leavitt's (Bateman) snappy humor is frowned upon for its crass and sarcastic nature. One other important factor that hampers the team is Saudi Arabia's scorching heat.

As the team finds ways to broaden their investigation, we see that they are now hunted by terrorists. Around this time the movie loses its focus and transforms into a Jason Bourne-esque movie, filled with loads of gunfire and explosions. This period of the movie could hurt

the producers' Academy Award aspirations (the movie's release was delayed to coincide with the upcoming awards season).

Fortunately, director Peter Berg (*Friday Night Lights*) utilizes his talent by bringing the viewer back to reality at the very end of the movie. He leaves us with the realization that, while some of us feel foreigners are fully responsible for hostilities, we are not exempt from responsibility.

We sometimes miss opportunities to create understanding between Arab extremists and ourselves. It should be noted that his movie contains extremely graphic, deeply emotional and unglorified violence and features characters in constant peril. It is not for the faint of heart. But those who venture to see this fantastically crafted film will understand that the violence is there for a purpose: to show the true reality and horrors of violence.

I would expect *The Kingdom* to garner award nominations left and right in the upcoming award season. This is a movie that is not to be missed, and no one will leave the movie theatre disappointed.

Continental Martini Bar: Philadelphia's best kept culinary secret

By Alexis Resnick
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

With Philadelphia only being about an hour away from Muhlenberg, it is a must that before you graduate you make a trip to Continental Martini Bar for some fabulous food and drinks. Located on the always buzzing Market Street in the Old City, Continental serves up tapas style food and sophisticated drinks in a chic yet comfortable environment.

From the outside, Continental resembles a retro corner diner, but on the inside you'll find a world of winding hallways, modern geometric wall patterns and sleek white tables and booths. The olive-shaped lamps pierced with giant toothpicks add to the restaurant's unique appeal.

Continental's cuisine has been featured in national publications ranging from *Travel and Leisure*, to *Food and Wine*.

Although the décor is one of a kind, the star of Continental is its eclectic menu featuring a variety of global tapas like lobster mashed potatoes, steamed vegetable dumplings and spicy tuna and avocado roll. Some of my favorites included Thai-inspired dishes like the crab pad Thai and the Thai chicken lettuce wraps with peanut

sauce, both which had rich, traditional Thai flavors.

The roasted red pepper and feta cheese dip with grilled pitas was also a table favorite. You could really taste the freshness of the ingredients, and the sweetness of the peppers was a perfect match to the feta cheese.

Let me recommend ordering one of their specialty salads, as it provides a nice balance to many of the other heavier dishes. I suggest the Continental Salad – a crisp, clean blend of lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers and feta cheese, all piled high.

Try the beer battered shrimp and calamari – light, crisp and golden brown with a savory saffron aioli sauce for an extra burst of flavor. Served sprawling out of a paper sack, the whimsical presentation was almost as spectacular as the food itself.

Another great dish was the bar-becue chicken quesadilla. The cool, smooth avocado cream sauce, paired well with the deep flavors of the Mexican spices. If you are overwhelmed and unsure of which dishes and how many you should order, the friendly staff will assist you in choosing the proper amount for the table.

Even though the food is delicious, don't forget about their extensive list of cocktails. With

over 15 different martinis, I would definitely suggest giving one of these a try, like the blackberry mojito martini – fresh, fruity and fun. The sweetness goes well with the bold flavors of the tapas. Another popular choice is their award-winning cocktail, the Buzz Aldrin, served in an orange tang-rimmed glass. The apple martini is also a classic choice and it goes great with any and all of the dishes. If you are in the mood for a sweeter drink, definitely try the white chocolate martini.

Try and leave some room for desert, as they have an assortment of parfaits ranging from chocolate and raspberry, panacotta with cookies, banana walnut, peanut butter cup and coconut. All of these were delicious and elegantly presented in just the right size glasses. The panacotta was the clear winner, with its creamy, smooth texture and rich taste.

While the many tapas, cocktails and deserts do add up at the end of the night, the experience you get at Continental is well worth the money.

So make that trip to Philadelphia, if for no other reason than to take in the chic ambience, eclectic tapas and crowd pleasing drinks at Continental. You won't regret it.

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"Life is a highway, I
wanna write for it all
night long..."

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Beauty and fashion corner: How to get the most elegant eyebrow

This week we will be discussing the importance of maintaining and enhancing the shape of your eyebrow. Eyebrows are the first physical feature that a person notices about your face. The right eyebrow shape and color can not only enhance your other facial features, but they can also let you get away with not having makeup on if you are on the run. Listed below are some full proof tips to help you achieve a more polished and sophisticated look.

Shape:

Get your eyebrows waxed by an experienced esthetician that is able to give you the proper shape and width for your face. This is crucial because eyebrow shapes are singular and vary from person to person. Not everyone can pull off a thin brow! If you find that maintaining your shape becomes expensive through monthly waxing, depending on rate of growth, you can always maintain it yourself by tweezing and following the shape given to you. **Fight the urge to over pluck!** A useful tool for plucking can be a magnifying mirror to catch those strays.

Color:

Nobody's eyebrows should be darker than the darkest shade in their hair color, not counting your roots. Unless you are Gwen Stefani, no one should attempt to pull off platinum hair with black brows. If you find your eyebrows to be on the thin side, fill them in with an angle brush and an eye shadow which is the same shade of your brow to add fullness and length when needed.

For Men:

It's real simple, there should be two. Although some occasional trimming might be necessary, please avoid the waxed look.

Quick Fashion Tip:

Leather is not only for bikers anymore, it's now a huge fall trend for this season. For those that either do not have the cash for this investment or just prefer not wearing real leather, Target is carrying some affordable imitation leather jackets. Make sure that when you purchase your jacket that it is fitted, were not trying to emulate a beefy biker.

Field Hockey tough to beat in overtime

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

It seems that this year's Field Hockey Team does extremely well under pressure. On Sept. 18, the Mules pulled it together in overtime to secure a win against Drew University – their second overtime win in just four days. Last Saturday's (Sept. 15) game ended with an overtime win against Washington College.

The last time the Mules won back-to-back in overtime was in 1997, exactly a decade ago. "It's really rare not just to go into overtime, but to win in overtime twice in a row," said junior defender Cara Rothacker. "It takes a lot of intensity and determination to turn a game around like that."

Sophomore Nicki Notarianni certainly showed that determination with her game-winning goal just 2:19 into overtime. After receiving a pass on the right sideline, she was able to maneuver the ball around a defender and score off a shot that hit the lower left-hand corner of the net.

"I was really excited to score the goal because I had missed a penalty stroke by inches in the middle of the second half that would have put us ahead," said

Notarianni. "I really felt that I needed to get it done during overtime because of that."

And anyway, it's much more glorifying to score in a sudden-death situation. "It's always exciting to score a goal but putting it in during overtime is so much better because it is such a relief to end the game and know that you won," she said. "Overtime is always more intense and you really are putting it all out there after playing the whole game, and it's just much more emotional and exciting to be the one that actually ends the game for the team."

Muhlenberg outshot Drew 10-6. Notarianni's overtime goal ascertained that all in all, the Mules dominated in the offensive end.

However, Sept. 21 saw less than satisfying results. NCAA 13th-ranked Montclair State, who currently boasts an 8-0 record, proved to be a difficult feat for the 'Berg. The team came home with a loss, but with good spirits: a score of 1-0 is hardly considered a decisive win. Seeing that Montclair's first win of the season was by more than eight goals, the Mules are proud of the low score.

Field Hockey's next home game will be on Fri., Sept. 28 against Dickinson College at Scotty Wood Stadium.



Junior Alyssa Sheldon (above) assisted on sophomore Kristen Sabia's goal, the first for the Mules in the game against Drew.

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The Mules' big hitter

Mule Profile: Matt Johnson

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Fifteen years ago, when senior football player Matt Johnson was "finally old enough to quit soccer and start my career as an athlete," he had no idea that he would become one of the most versatile players that the Mules Football program has ever had.

"No offense to the Mules Soccer Team, you know I love you guys," Johnson said. Soccer gave him a solid understanding of teamwork and dedication, but it wasn't enough – he wanted to play a sport that fused his love of physical contact and aggression with intellect and skill.

Before Muhlenberg, football was a pastime that he enjoyed. "I played for Lancaster Catholic High School, and my junior and senior years I got the opportunity to play with my younger brother," he said. It wasn't until after his senior year season that he decided to take his skill to the next level. "Right before graduation, I played for a tri-county all-star team with the likes of Chad Henne (U. of Michigan QB), Jordan Steffy (U. of Maryland QB), and James Bryant (U. of Miami LB), so that was a really fun, yet humbling experience."

Johnson thinks that this might have been a good bridge between what he was used to playing in high school and what he would eventually be playing in college. "There is a huge [difference] between playing high school football and then moving up to the collegiate level," he said. "The people that you play with and against are completely different. The guys are just so much bigger, faster, and stronger – it's unbelievable."

Although it might seem that anyone would find it difficult moving to the next level, it is obvious that Johnson fit in right away at the 'Berg. "I was recruited out of high school to play Quarterback. I came here as the fifth string QB originally," he said. But, before freshman year was over, he was starting in the NCAA playoff game as the Tailback.

"I currently play a Tight End-slash-H-back position. I've also started at Quarterback and Full Back here, but I guess I've finally found my home," said Johnson, which is quite a statement, considering his obvious talent all over the field. "I think I like this spot the best because there's a lot of hitting involved, I'm usually a main target on pass plays, and there's not nearly as much pressure on me as there was when I played QB. Plus, when I play Tight End, if I mess up on the field nobody really notices most of the time. If I do well, though, I get a lot of the glory!"

Some of the glory that he has experienced over the years is receiving Conference Player of the Week his freshman year, and winning numerous Dominator and Big Hit awards, which are given out to players on the team when they meet on Mondays to talk about the previous game. Johnson was also the Mules' top returning receiver last year with 21 catches.

But this year, his last, is what really matters. So far, the team is off to a good start with a record of 3-0. "But most importantly," he said, "we just won our Centennial Conference opener [against Gettysburg]." Johnson helped the team to overcome a 10-point halftime deficit to win the game, the first since 1984.

With last week's plight over, he wants to look ahead. "This week we play a perennially tough Johns Hopkins team for Homecoming." He then added, like a true athlete who thrives on fans' support, "come support the Mules at 1 on Saturday, and don't act like there's anything else to do in Allentown on a Saturday!"

When Johnson's own football season isn't in session, he likes to turn his attention to the professionals. "My favorite NFL team is the Washington Redskins. Even though I live in the heart of Eagle Country, I grew up in Richmond, VA and have loved the 'Skins ever since." He enjoys learning from his favorite team, and especially from his favorite player. "My football idol is Chris Cooley who plays for the Redskins. He is the same position as me but is unbelievably athletic and versatile. He literally plays all over the field and can be dangerous enough to make a play in any situation. He's the type of player I strive to be like."

According to his teammates, however, that is exactly the player he has become. Johnson has been known to create difficult situations for the opposing team, because they don't expect him to do anything other than what his position entails.

Football aside, Johnson wants to set the record straight. "I'm not just a dumb jock! I am a Dean's List student here!" he exclaimed. When he graduates, he plans on keeping the lessons he learned from football with him, and expects an ambitious, prestigious future for himself.

His business administration major with a concentration in marketing will certainly give him the edge he needs. "My future plans are to graduate and keep living the dream. That's not probable, so I'd like a job for a well-known business firm and I'd like to be as successful as I can be in the business world."

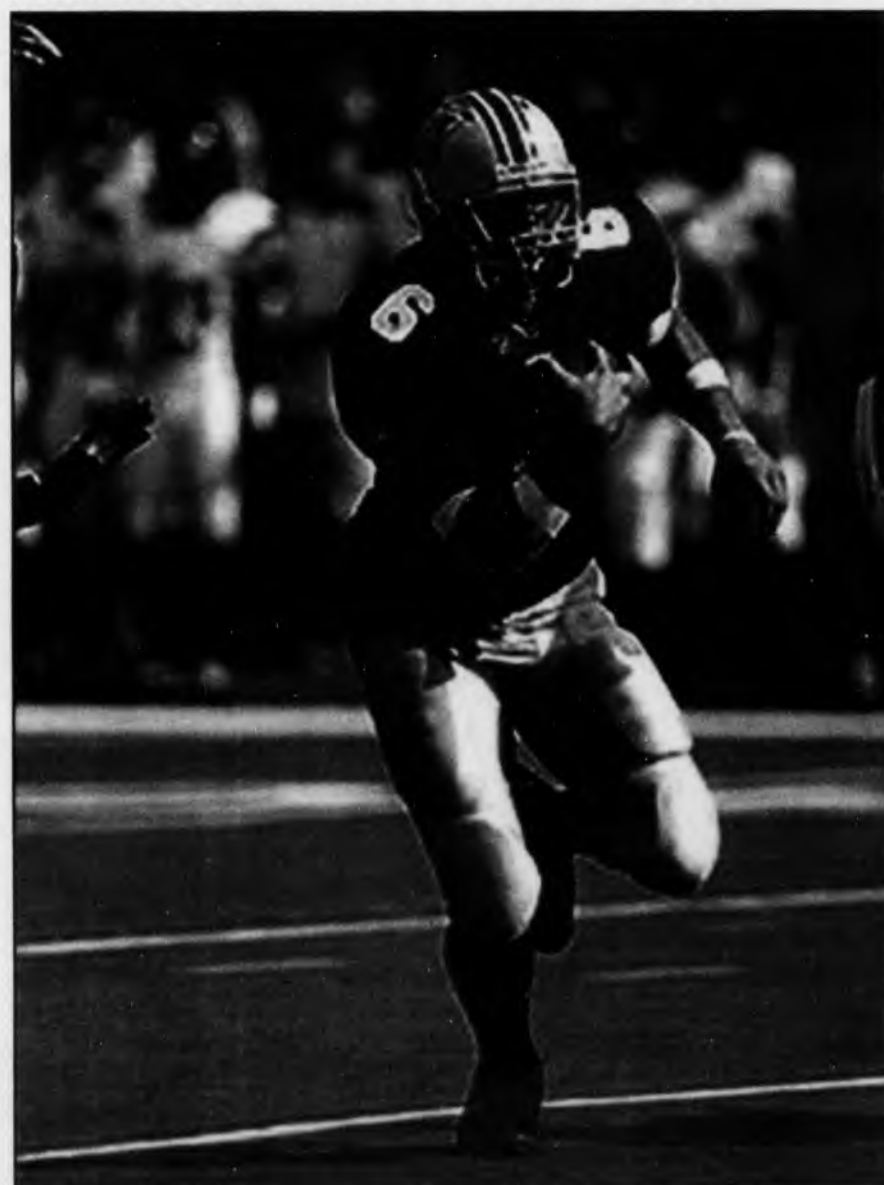
For fun, Johnson likes to hit the slopes and to travel. "I would have to say that skiing is my favorite activity, although I never seem to get the chance to go, thanks to these Pennsylvania winters." Maybe this winter, when he hangs up his cleats for good, he'll have the chance. "I also had the opportunity to travel all throughout Europe with my brother this summer and had an unbelievable time doing that."

Also, back in high school, Johnson was involved in baseball, basketball, and briefly, the wrestling team. "My father was an All-American wrestler at the University of Maryland, so I grew up wrestling. I ended up quitting to play basketball, which was a bad choice because I'm awful at basketball, as any of my friends could tell you. I was also captain of my high school's baseball team."

But obviously something about football had him hooked from the beginning. Most athletes would say that they love the competition, the family feeling a team creates, or the dynamism of the sport. However, Johnson clearly does not think along the same wavelength. "Why do I love football?" he sheepishly asked. "Well, not to sound like a meathead, but the main reason is the legal violence. There's nothing better in the world for me than to put my shoulder down and just light up some kid and totally ruin his world." A beautiful description for a feeling that many of us will never taste.

In the end, Johnson will be remembered for his athleticism, his versatility, and for his mindset, which is something he hopes to pass down to not only future Mule Football Players, but to other Muhlenberg athletes as well.

"I guess a word of advice to future Mule teams is that you just have to remember that when you're not working to improve, the competition is. There is no such thing as entitlement; you have to earn and take everything that you want in this world. If you can remember that and follow through it, then nothing but success, on and off the field, awaits you."



Matt Johnson is a force for Muhlenberg football, bringing excitement and versatility.

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Golden Bears and Ducks the game to watch

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

#6 California vs. #11 Oregon

This game should have an asterisk next to it: Defense Optional. This game might be as high scoring as the Bengals/Browns game from a couple weeks ago, as two high-powered offenses meet to get the first leg up in the Pac-10 title chase. The California Golden Bears are led by quarterback Nate Longshore, who has been a steady performer with breath-taking wide-outs (Levelle Hawkins and DeSean Jackson could be the best receiver tandem in the country). Justin Forsett at tailback isn't bad either. Oregon, however, could be deadlier, especially with dual-threat quarterback Dennis Dixon at the helm. If you don't know who he is, just look at the Oregon-Michigan highlights... you'll see him running and throwing all over the place. I like

Oregon in this game, just because I don't think Cal really has much of a defense (when Arizona can score 27 points on you, that's normally not a good sign). Oregon's D is a little better, and Dixon has some help in running-back Jonathon Stewart.

Prediction: Oregon 38, California 27

#5 West Virginia vs. #18 South Florida

Ok, so I admit I really don't think West Virginia is as good as everyone thinks they are. I don't think Steve Slaton and Pat White are great candidates for the Heisman, just products of a system and a weak conference. I also think they will be exposed for the second year in a row against a really good South Florida squad. The Bulls are led by quarterback Matt Grothe, who might be the most under-rated signal caller in the country. The defense is also very good, which Slaton can attest to. Last season they held Slaton to just 43 rush yards, en route to upsetting the

Mountaineers in their own house. Now, the Bulls get them at home, and I really, really like their chances to pull another one.

Prediction: South Florida 24, West Virginia 21

Michigan State vs. #9 Wisconsin

Everyone in the media is talking about how soft the Big Ten is, but I think part of the problem is the teams everyone is looking at. Penn State proved this last week with their blunder against Michigan, and I think we are about to see the same thing with Wisconsin. Michigan State is bringing in a great tailback tandem in Javon Ringer and Jehuu Caulcrick, which will really hurt the Wisconsin defense, allowing quarterback Brian Hoyer to go to play-action passes. This will be the game that people realize that Michigan State, not Wisconsin, is one of the top teams in the Big Ten.

Prediction: Michigan State 31, Wisconsin 20

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Homecoming Weekend Sports Schedule

Friday, Sept. 28

Cross Country Paul Short Run @ Lehigh
Field Hockey vs. Dickinson @ 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Football vs. John's Hopkins @ 1:00 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Dickinson @ 4:00 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Johns Hopkins @ 7:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Dickinson @ 12:00 p.m.
vs. Widener @ 4:00 p.m.

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Blocked field goal wins it for the Mules

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Mules are 3-0, largely because of a blocked field goal with 34.5 seconds left. The hero? Junior Defensive End Chris Swensen, knocking down his second of his career. The block preserved a 14-13 victory, and allowed the Mules to win their Conference opener for the first time since 2002. Gettysburg provided the first real test for the Muhlenberg Defense, and although the Bullets of Gettysburg broke the scoreless streak (8-yard TD run by Tom Sturges), the defense proved to be very able, as they held the explosive offense to 246 total yards, and created two turnovers. One of those turnovers, an intercepted screen pass by sophomore Safety Dan Aitkens, would end up being the turning point of the game.

Offensively, the running game struggled, especially in the first half as the Gettysburg defense held the Mules to four rushing yards. The rushing yards also matched the number of first downs in the half, which led

to a scoreless first half. Although Gettysburg was up 10-0 at half, Muhlenberg would find the energy to come back.

Junior Quarterback Eric Santagato proved to be a very capable leader, as he threw a 9-yard screen pass to Wide Receiver Phil Cresta (4 catches for 42 yards), his second touchdown grab of the season to open the Mules scoring. Santagato also ran for his third touchdown of the season from two yards out. He finished 13 of 21 passing, with 155 yards and a touchdown. Most importantly, he didn't have an interception, which bodes well for a developing Mules offense.

Running-back John DeLuca didn't have the greatest game, but ran hard and helped the offense enough with 87 yards on 27 carries. Senior Tight End and co-captain Matt Johnson also had a good day, with four catches for 72 yards.

Next up for the Mules is Johns Hopkins, this Saturday (9/29) at 1 P.M. They will be playing here at Scotty Wood Stadium, for Homecoming!



Junior John DeLuca hit the 1,000-yard mark this season.

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Men's Soccer gets first Centennial Conference victory

By Megan O'Leary
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last year, Muhlenberg soccer was sadly defeated by Gettysburg College in the first round of the Centennial Conference playoffs, but the memory of loss was replaced by an exceptional win on Saturday. Enduring the two hour trek to Gettysburg, the team prepared for a night under the lights. After winning three straight games at the beginning of the season, the Mules lost two games to Franklin & Marshall, regionally ranked third, and Elizabethtown, regionally ranked fourth. However, they regrouped and came back with a solid win on the road. During the first half of the game,

Gettysburg was on the board with a single goal. It was not until the second half that the Mules were able to tie up the score, courtesy of captain Billy Dalton, '09. The Mules had to contend with a team averaging over six feet as well as a rowdy crowd. With the end of the second half tied, Muhlenberg prepared to fight through overtime.

About three minutes into extended time, Sam Haydon crossed the ball from behind to Brendan Carroll, who headed the ball in for a Muhlenberg victory. Carroll's goal marked the team's first Centennial Conference win out of a five-game stretch. They face fifth-seeded Dickinson and second-seeded Johns Hopkins in the coming weeks.



Junior Billy Dalton's goal tied up the game and sent it into overtime.

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transitions

“sooner or later
we’ll be lookin’
back on every-
thing.”

michael.tolcher



Focus



When the cat's away, the mice will play

By Linda Bips

Assistant Professor of Psychology

During your first year at college, your relationship with your family will change. Although your parents are probably paying some, if not all, of your expenses, making you financially dependent, you now live away from your family home. You are now independent in many ways. You decide when you get up, when you go to bed, what you eat, where you go, and when, or if, you do your schoolwork. Mom and Dad only know about the information that you share with them.

You will be faced with many decisions to make every day. Some of you will be tempted to call Mom and/or Dad for advice at every fork in the road. Put down that cell phone. Before you call for a solution to your problem or an answer to your decision, think about what you would like to do. Consult with your friends or faculty or staff. Try to come up with your own solution and then, maybe, call your parents. Present your decision to them and ask them what they think and if they have any other suggestions. Use them as one more consultant in addition to your friends and your support system at the college. After consulting with family, friends, and professionals, you must decide how to handle the situation whether it is academic, athletic or social and take the step to solve your problem.

This stage in life has been called "emerging adulthood" and the goal is for you to become an adult. Being an adult means making your own decisions and solving your own problems. Of course this is a process - a light dimmer rather than an on/off switch. Being responsible for your own life takes practice and now is the time to start practicing. Use others in your life as consultants who can contribute to your problem solving process. The decision, the solution or the action is up to you.

In addition to encouraging your independence, I want to advise you to proceed with caution. When we are in a new setting, we really want to fit in - to belong. You may be tempted to try new social or personal behaviors. There may be positive and/or negative consequences to these new behaviors. Staying out all night may allow you to hang with a new group of friends, but also may mean that you can't stay awake in your 9:30 a.m. class. Some new behaviors can have more serious consequences like poor health or even disciplinary action. The wisest advice I have ever heard about the first year in college is to not change your behavior for at least one semester. Keep your old rules and values until you get settled and put down some roots. Trying something new just to fit in can result in a mistake that could shadow you throughout your college career.

Stretch your wings. Embrace the freedom of living on your own. Make good choices and revel in the pleasure of becoming an adult.

Where we're going and where we've been: A look ahead and a reflection back upon college

By Katie Silverstein

Class of 2011

Trapped as I was with the organization of clothes, bedcovers, online banking, and emotions during the weeks preceding the freshman pre-orientation trips, I was in no mood to listen to my mom's seemingly dire predictions. "I don't want to worry you," she began, as we sorted through boxes of band-aids, "but it takes about six weeks to fully adjust to college life." I smiled slightly, "Unfortunately," mom continued, "just when you're settled in, you come home for October break." Oh, fabulous! And then you go back to college and adjust all over again!

But by the end of the first week of classes, my memories of life before college began to slowly fade into indistinguishable moments. Even by the end of orientation, I connected with a new and phenomenal group of friends, and at times I believed that my calendar had to have been mistaken. I can't have known these people for less than a month. I know them better now than I ever knew some classmates at the school I attended from sixth through twelfth grade. And I haven't had a difficult time adjusting to the classes themselves. The volume of work we are assigned is greater than what we had to do at the beginning of senior year, but the level of difficulty is comparable to that of the classes I took last year. I would almost say that I had more trouble adjusting to my senior year of high school.

There are vast differences between high school and college that probably require major adjustments on the part of some college freshmen. College classes are longer and meet fewer times a week, some students complain. I'm a pretty disciplined person, and I like having the freedom to split up my workload myself. It has been a challenge, however, to balance homework with socializing. In high school, I lived a half hour away from my friends. Right now, traveling time is about five seconds. Since school and home are collapsed into a single entity, it's hard sometimes to know what I should be doing. But nevertheless, I don't think I'll need six weeks to work it out.

People have been asking me lately whether or not college is anything like my preconceived notions. So I sit and think (and dream and oft conspire) for a while before realizing that I in fact had no concrete ideas about the nature of my upcoming college experience. The weeks before I left home gave no clue, save the mountain of shopping purchases, as to what would become of me. It was easier for me as pre-orientation drew near to pretend that everything was as it had always been, that I would be going back for a fifth year of high school. I imagined college out of existence. But then I arrived, and there was nothing I could do but deal with it.

The initial shock wore off in about two days. Pre-orientation was absolutely instrumental in facilitating my transition to college. By the time I returned from our fabulous trip to New York City, I knew ten Muhlenberg students and one professor.

Even if I did have some preconceived notion of college, my experience thus far would have exceeded it. I have settled very comfortably into my large room in Brown Hall. I am occupied at all times with homework, extracurricular activities, and friends. Who has time for adjusting? Six weeks...no, I'm already there.

By Allie Schnall

Class of 2008

Waiting in the Walz car line on August 27, 2004, I remember being amazed at the idea that I was beginning college. The word held

so much expectation, apprehension, and uncertainty. My parents had both attended 'Berg and are still best friends with about ten people they went to school with, so all my life I have heard their outrageous stories...would my college experience measure up?

At the beginning of freshman year, my main goals were very typical: making (and keeping) close friends, joining a couple clubs, doing well academically, and finding a way to make sure I ended up with a good career after all was said and done. That first year, I had many valuable friendships, especially with people who also lived on first floor Walz. However, I didn't know if those friendships would last and I had no clue who I would end up being at Muhlenberg.

I'm here, writing from the "senior perspective," but I remember so clearly that day three years ago when a team of enthusiastic Student Advisors bombarded my car and moved all my belongings in for me.

Now I am one of those enthusiastic SAs. It's weird to look back over the past years and ask myself if I am now where I had thought I would (or should) be. Did I accomplish what I had hoped I would? I'd like to say I have; in fact, I think I've exceeded what I could have ever hoped to gain from my college experience.


So looking back on my goals...I'm happy to say that yes, I do have friends - and good ones at that! We're family, really. We have been together through both the best and worst times, we've seen each other at our weakest and strongest points, and the best part is, we love each other no matter what. I couldn't ask for anything more. And I am amazed at how close my freshmen year hall-mates all remained.

This year, I live in a suite with three of them and across the hall from three others. When I came to school, I was afraid that I wouldn't find friends who would like me for me; what I found instead was that I have discovered myself due to their friendships, and I have never been more content with my life and the person I am.

And wow, back three years ago I never would have said I was ready for a job, but I am. I can confidently say that I am going to leave Muhlenberg and go into entertainment public relations. Years ago, I didn't know if I would have the skills and connections necessary for getting into the industry, but after three internships and many great courses here, I am ready.

I, along with many other seniors, never expected that my time at Muhlenberg would mean so much. It goes by so fast, but every minute of it has counted for me, and for that I am so thankful. Of course there are the occasional regrets, hard decisions, tricky situations, tough classes, job rejections, and friendship issues. But that's life. And to get to senior year now and still be excited for the coming months and sad to be leaving such a wonderful place at the end of this year makes me that much more confident in stating that I have gotten what I came here for: a true college experience.

If you could change one thing about your experience at Muhlenberg, what would it be?




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Where do I see myself in four years? That's a difficult question, considering I barely can see where I'll eat tonight (Garden Room, GQ, Sandella's... the possibilities are endless). I can only hope I'll still be on track to pursue my dreams of becoming an orthopedic surgeon. Hopefully it doesn't that mean I'll be holed up in the library, studying for MCATs, like some sort of pre-med hermit. In a perfect world, in the midst of all the unavoidable insanity of med school applications, I foresee myself surrounded by my close friends and still playing football for the Mules. However, while it is easy to plan a black and white (and red, seeing how I am at the 'Berg) syllabus for my future, I recognize that a school like Muhlenberg provides countless opportunities for new possibilities—socially, academically, and extracurricularly. Who knows? I could take an art class that changes my life and causes me to hang up my stethoscope for a paint brush in the hopes of becoming the next Pablo Picasso. Or, maybe a stellar business professor will inspire me to surpass the success of the infamous real estate tycoon Donald Trump. If there is anything I have learned over the first eighteen years of my life, it is that life can be entirely unpredictable. Asking a freshman, who is just beginning to scratch the surface of the myriad of opportunities offered by Muhlenberg, where they will be in four years, is like asking a pre-K child what he or she will want to professionally pursue as an adult; especially one who's current number one issue is how to make second floor Prosser livable (five fans and my room still feels like a sauna). Quite frankly, I think we as freshman have not been exposed to enough of the world to truly know what we want to do with our lives. I enthusiastically look forward to the countless experiences I have yet to encounter over the next four years that will inevitably shape the person I will become.

In the course of one year, I have made a group of three friends who I hold very dear in my heart. We've gone mini-golfing and to the movies, where I was scared out of my mind. I'll never forget the time we went to Dorney Park and could see the school's bell tower from the top of the roller coaster. We've also sat through endless meetings together and pulled many late nights studying and ordered Chinese food at eleven o'clock. We've transformed the Red Door into PULSE and spent many nights dancing in the Garden Room. Looking back now, I see how much fun we've had together and it makes a part of me sad that I don't have these precious memories with more people. Therefore, if I could change one thing about my experience at Muhlenberg so far, it would be to meet more people. Not just meet them, get to know them. Build a relationship with the boy who sat next to me twice a week in my FYS, who I hardly ever talked to, or with the girl who I've seen studying in Seegers every time I've been there to study.

Muhlenberg is such a small, close knit community. As freshmen, we tend to find one group that makes us comfortable and we never venture beyond them to meet others who we can form valuable bonds with. I think it is important to at least know the first name of as many people as you can. This way, if some day you're sitting in a meeting with them or walking past them on the street, you'll be able to recognize a familiar face. It is a new year at Muhlenberg. In the light of the new opportunities presenting themselves to me now, I intend on seizing the chance to meet more of the interesting people gracing our campus and I encourage everyone to do the same. To the first years, I say don't be afraid to try new things or to start a conversation with the person sitting next to you twice a week in a class. Creating bonds with more people can easily be done here. Join some new organizations. Make your presence known. Make a difference on this campus. Of course the only way to do this effectively is to know as many people as you can. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone – do something new. Expand your horizons. To some reading this, it may seem that I am unhappy with the friends I have made. This is the furthest thing from the truth. I love my friends dearly, but I am ready to welcome more people into my life and to form new bonds.



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If I could change one thing about my experience at Muhlenberg, it would be continuing to live with my roommate from freshman year. That though is a rant for another day. In all seriousness, it is hard to say what I would change about my experience at Muhlenberg because except for the fact that I could have made life for myself here a lot easier, I cannot think of anything I would have done differently. I knew that Muhlenberg was the place for me the first time I stepped on the campus the summer before senior year of high school. Coming to college totally undecided as to what I wanted to major in, I knew that this small liberal arts school would allow me to really find my interest.

While I knew that I liked the sciences over other areas of study, I thought that Biology and Chemistry were "too hard," especially after watching my fellow classmates running around crazy trying to study for the next General Chemistry test freshman year. It wasn't until I took, "Baby Bio", second semester freshman year (plus some persuasion from friends) that I decided to suck it up and go the science route. So here I am now as a junior, and Biology major, frantically trying to fit in every class I need to take, as I attempt to eventually apply to physical therapy school. This means practically throwing away two summers. This past summer I took Organic Chemistry I. As bad as that sounds it was really not that bad. Next summer does not look any more promising as I will have to take Physics I and II.

So I kind of regret not listening to my gut instinct and just starting with sciences right away. I cannot say that I totally regret my decision for two reasons. The first reason is that I have almost all of my general requirements out of the way. The second is that I probably would not have found out that I really enjoy philosophy, having taken the required class freshman year. That now led to my current minor (and possibly second major).

I really cannot see my Muhlenberg experience unfolding any differently than it has. I have truly enjoyed my time here. Sure it has had its ups and downs, but I would trade my time here for anything. College, though, is a fast four years and it is not worth looking back and thinking what you would change. Just look towards how you can make the rest of your time at Muhlenberg even better than it already is.

I originally was against applying to Muhlenberg, which is hilarious to me now. Being someone who wanted to double major in theatre and communications, I pictured myself going to a college in a big city – not Allentown, PA. But as I sit here and reflect on it, I would not have changed anything about my college experience thus far. OK, maybe there were a few weekends where I probably should have spent more time with my friends instead of doing homework, but I am so happy where I am right now. And as a senior, I'd like to offer some advice.

Go abroad. Studying abroad at Goldsmiths University in London has changed my life. Not only have I made wonderful friends from all over the world, I was able to gain a sense of independence which has given me a boost of confidence that I can survive the real world after I graduate in May.


Be a part of something big. I'm known for not sleeping because I'm always busy, but one of the reasons why Muhlenberg was perfect for me was because it was a small enough campus where everyone knew each other and where you could make a difference. This is my third year being an RA/RL, and I would not trade that experience ever. I have also continued, and will continue, helping out with Arts Week. Just knowing that there are artists out there who want to conduct events to share their talent with the campus gives me hope that one day both sides of campus will be connected.

Have no regrets. They say college is the best years of your life, and being a senior, I agree. On the day of freshmen move-in this year, the realization hit that next year I won't be on campus for move-in. I will be in the real world.

Take full advantage. I have learned that the College really offers so much to us. Talk to professors about what they have done. Network. Sit with someone new in Garden Room. Have fun. Take risks. Your four years of college are going to fly by so quickly, so don't miss any opportunities. Perhaps I'm being so reflective because I'm a senior, but I'm glad I can look back on the last three years with smiles and lots of laughs. As I look toward the future, I have a strong sense of confidence and pride.



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It's junior year, should I go abroad?

During the course of their junior year, many Muhlenberg students decide to study abroad and leave campus for a semester. As a Muhlenberg senior, I have many friends that left for a semester to see the world and travel to places they have never been. Most people that I talk to tell me that their study abroad was unbelievable and one of the most important things they have done with their lives- and I'm happy for them. I'm glad that my friends and others went to places they may not visit for the rest of their lives. I do believe that going abroad could be an educational and fun experience; however it's not for everyone.

As a person that has stayed at Muhlenberg for three straight years, I do not look back at my time here with any regret. As a sophomore, I chose not to join a fraternity, as a junior I chose not to study abroad, and as a senior I plan on not doing my homework. Just kidding. But seriously, studying abroad never appealed to me like it did others. I understand the concept and I'm not writing this article to bash those that chose to leave campus. Not at all. I just think it's important that people realize that there is life at Muhlenberg during junior year. Too many students here have raised their eyebrows and told me that they're sorry that I didn't go abroad. Stop! It was my choice to stay and I'm happy with my decision.

I must admit, staying here for all of my junior year was a bit different than the other years. My close social group of friends lost a few members as some of my buddies chose to go abroad. I even lost my roommate, after two years of a "happy marriage".

Because some of the friends in my social group left, the ones that didn't became closer. We were around each other more and got to know and share more college experiences together. Having fewer friends around campus for a semester, I chose to branch out and make new acquaintances that I may not have done if the study abroad program didn't exist. Once the abroad students came back - our social network of friends was even stronger with the new friends I had made, while the study abroad students were gone.

I'm glad I chose to stay at Muhlenberg for my junior year. I like spending time on campus because to be honest- I don't have too much time left here. I have the rest of my life to visit Europe, Asia and many other places around the world. I'm glad that those that go abroad have a great time and consider it one of the most important things they have done with their lives. For those that did choose to study abroad, don't feel bad for those of us who didn't. I can only speak for myself, but I'm happy with my decision and when my years here are over I won't look back with regret.

David Yaron '08

During the quintessential junior year of college, one of two things will happen: you may study in a foreign country and revel in the lowered drinking age while cringing at the low value of the American dollar, or you can stay at school while your friends go abroad to gallivant around the world. Never one to back down from a challenge, I chose the former. Not wanting to go too far out of my comfort zone, I decided to live and study at Queen Mary College in London.

The first few days were by far the hardest. I had no idea how this famed "Tube" system functioned, there were so many strange coins in the currency I couldn't keep track of all the change I began to accumulate, and I was seriously jet lagged. But, unlike most people who go abroad, I had a network of fellow Mules right there at QMUL with me. There were eight of us all together, and even though I didn't know all of them very well, I could count on a knowing head nod walking through the campus that reassured me during that first week. After I caught up to the six hour time difference and got myself a map, London became my best friend.

Coming from Muhlenberg, which (in comparison to having all of London at my disposal) is the size of my pinky, it was a far cry from the Chew Street to which I had grown so accustomed to crossing every day. The best part was having options. It wasn't "Should I go to Dunkin' or Wawa?" It was "Should I go to Brick Lane or Notting Hill or Camden or Kensington or Central?" Being abroad made me more independent than Muhlenberg ever could. And for that opportunity I am so grateful.

Now, as for coming back here, I was definitely sad to say goodbye to the city that treated me so well for five months. I didn't have time to have any reverse culture shock because I was lucky enough to be able to take the summer to slowly reintroduce myself back into the Muhlenbubble. That way, when the school year started, I wasn't as taken aback by all the "I haven't seen you in forever!" and the "OH MY GOD HOW WAS LONDON?" that so many of my other friends who went abroad hated hearing fifty times a day.

Essentially, I love it here and I love it there. And if I could stick Muhlenberg in the middle of Piccadilly Circus, I would in a heart beat. And if it wasn't for the time abroad, I don't know if I would have progressed to who I am now. But, like all good things, even though it had to come to an end, I know that a little piece of me will always hold on to all that I left behind in London, my city.

Kristina Lucarelli '08

Transition from orientation to graduation: A view from a seminar instructor

By Susan Clemens
Lecturer of History

When *The Weekly* staff asked me to share my thoughts on the changes I observed in students from first-year seminar to senior year, a film-like memory loop of seminar students and advisees played in my mind. Faces and events piled up after ten years of teaching first-year seminars, and I wondered how I, often an outside observer, could categorize and analyze the array of wonderfully unique students that I have known at Muhlenberg. So these reminiscences are merely that and not anything more scholarly.

I am struck during Orientation Weekend by body language of students some of whom look closed and wary. Others claim an easy leadership; a few I doubt will stay, while some observe their classmates from a quiet but interested distance. Very few students initially display many of their identities. Muhlenberg students seem to know that college is the perfect time to reveal constructive and conceal less useful elements of self. The four years here allows everyone the freedom to explore new ways of being. It is perhaps the most purely free time of life where myriad choices are offered and each student can shape the contours of his/her own future.

After a brief period of surprising and sharp homesickness, whether it is admitted or not, students begin to lose their look of isolation and interact in more collegial manner with each other. Some seminar groups become four year friends and still keep in contact. The fall seminar group I taught in 2001 was just getting comfortable with each other when the September 11th attack occurred. One of the students had a family member who was lost in the attack and the compassion and support given to her by her classmates resulted in a true sense of community among that group that has lasted beyond their four years at Muhlenberg. The maturity and individual achievements of that class impressed me as I observed them individually through their four years at the College.

After the mentorship of first-year advising, I sometimes get the chance to have former advisees in a history class, but mostly all I can do is observe from a distance. Some changes I see or hear about from students are truly exciting. Students who connect to the local communities through volunteer opportunities develop a keen understanding of the responsibility that comes with privilege. Students who have pursued leadership rolls know the burden of making decisions that affect the lives of peers. I hope students who make unwise choices grow from the effort required to rectify them. I hope everyone is learning which types of people bring out their best qualities and can find those people as life friends or partners. I see a pleasing sophistication of style and substance in students who opt to study abroad or spend a semester in Washington, DC when they return. Students who complete research, who write an honors thesis, who have the privilege to go to an undergraduate conference or present a paper at a conference all gain a quiet confidence from the experience.

I love watching my former first-year students at the brunch I make for them at my house before they graduate. Last year two groups came to my house since I taught a fall and spring seminar the year they entered Muhlenberg. I sent them downstairs to the large room in the basement of our raised ranch house that opens onto a patio and pond while I put out the food I made. They milled around chatting with each other outside and inside, and then I went upstairs after we had a mimosa toast to put out the food I made. When I walked downstairs they were standing in two circles, a Reflections of Pop Culture circle and a Great American Road Trip circle. I had a rush of joy to see how happy the two groups were to be together again. I called them upstairs to grab the food. When they sat down on the deck, in the dining area, and downstairs the groups had split into small inter-seminar clusters. I saw this as a metaphor for their transition into the wider world. If there is a Muhlenberg bubble, it was popping at my house and releasing adults who were ready to take on all the demands of society, business, graduate school and the rest of their lives. Everyone thanked me, most emailed me a thank you note the next day. I thought—they're done and ready to serve.

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Putting an end to sexual assault

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Last week on Sept. 26 and 27 the College held a Peer Education Program on sexual assault. The program is run by an organization called One in Four, previously known as No More.

The signature presentation of the program was for men, but a program for women has been added to their routine as well. One in Four kept the presentations gender specific and felt that the effectiveness of the program would be compromised if a member of the opposite gender were present during conversation.

The men's program was centered around a video that effectively placed the all male audience into a scenario of sexual assault where they are the victim. Corey Goff, Head Coach of Baseball and Assistant Athletic Director said, "The group then breaks down the scenario on multiple levels drawing parallels from the video to sexual assault as it occurs on college campuses in the year 2007."

One in Four also spent time discussing peer intervention as well as identifying at risk situations to be avoided. Studies have shown that among men considered to be high risk, 75 percent of them report a lower likelihood of rape after the One in Four Program.

The women's program showed a video that contained an interview with a rapist that victimized college women. The rapist described, in detail, how he and his partners would identify their "targets" and execute their "plan".

The women's program focused primarily on identifying at risk situations. "References were made during the presentations about campus sexual assault prevention and counseling resources," said Goff.

This year's program had an outstanding turnout for the College's Greek Organizations and for members of the intercollegiate

athletic teams. Goff said, "My initial guess would be that somewhere in the neighborhood of 500 students attended. It should also be noted that the Student Affairs professional staff was well represented at the programs."

One in Four made a visit to the College four years ago as well, and the recommendation to bring them back was made by Student Affairs. They informed Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, that the program had been so effective at communicating their message during their prior visit that they should be invited back. "Having One in Four visit the College every four years allows us to provide each graduating class with an opportunity to see the program," said Goff.

The RV tour group of One in Four arrived on campus at 6:00 a.m. on Sept. 26 after traveling all night from Ashland, Va. At 8:30 a.m. they began their first presentation to a group of Student Affairs professionals. The first day of their visit consisted of 13 hours and five presentations, both for men and women. Five more presentations were given the next day as well.

The RV tour consists of four recent college graduates that travel around the country from late August through late April visiting colleges, universities, and military bases.

There are about 30 campuses across the country that have created chapters of One in Four after the tour stopped by with the program. This campus does not currently have a chapter, but the process of doing so is very easy and accessible.

While there have been incidents of sexual assault at the College, Goff said, "Inviting One in Four to visit Muhlenberg had everything to do with providing an alternative, peer based program on the prevention of sexual assault and nothing to do with the history of or even a specific incident of sexual assault on our campus."

Co-education comes home

By Sara Horowitz
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

This year marks the 50th anniversary of co-education at the College. Throughout the academic year, there will be many events to celebrate this milestone. Just this past weekend, Homecoming Queens from the last 50 years came back to campus and took their place on the football field with the newly crowned Homecoming King and Queen, Alex Corgan '08 and Kate Alfred '08, respectively.

Until 1957, the College had been all-male for 109 years. The idea of co-education first arose in 1933 but was immediately turned down by virtually all members of the College community. It wasn't until the College was in serious financial trouble that the concept was proposed again, and accepted based on the assumption it would raise funds for the College.

In September 1957, a plan was

adopted by the College to begin enabling admission to female students. The entire campus community and culture had to be reshaped in order to accommodate the incoming female class. Dorms, reception areas and physical education facilities had to be created and female professors and deans needed to be hired.

"The opportunities afforded women today have a rich history of struggle and victory."

Karen Green,
Dean of Students
and Vice President
of Student Affairs

Fifty years ago, 123 female students enrolled, joining a Student Body of 809 males. Today, over 50% of the College population is female. In the first few years that female students were admitted to the College, there was campus resistance and inherent separation.

There were two Student Councils, one male, one female, and special regulations just pertaining to woman. Within ten years, the inequities were modified and co-education at the College was deemed successful.

Although it was a tough journey, Karen Green, Dean of Students and VP of Student Affairs, is

"very pleased to see the 50 year celebration marking the coeducation decision." She hopes that "the presently enrolled female students appreciate the trail blazed for them by the earlier women who enrolled. I'm sure their stories are about finding their voice in this previously male dominated community. The opportunities afforded women today have a rich history of struggle and victory."

That victory was apparent last weekend when 19 Homecoming Queens from the past 50 years came back to the College, while



Homecoming Queens of the past gathered at halftime during the football game last Saturday.

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Over, under, around the tree

This week, *Radar Magazine* came out with its list of the most overrated people, places and things. We have decided to do the same with the College. In no particular order, here is our list of the three most overrated, and the three most underrated people, places and things at the 'Berg.

The concept of "the caring college" is completely overrated and commonly used term to describe Muhlenberg. This phrase can act like a crutch. It makes students seem as though they cannot handle their own problems, while in turn nearly forcing faculty to be extra helpful. We wonder if the phrase has been twisted too much to be applicable anymore.

"Welcome to the Career Center! Do you have a career connections account? No, well then we can't help you." Enough said. In all fairness though, they do attempt to prepare us for the real world with workshops and recruiting events, but how many people do you actually know who landed an internship or job solely based on help from the Career Center?

Diversity: The College will often boast about the increase in multicultural applicants yet, look around the campus and the homogeneity is more than apparent. The Muhlenberg homepage showcases pictures of the handful of diverse students. We wish that the website did not have to misrepresent the general population and that we could actually see those numbers on academic row. Or better yet, we hope that we can come to the realization that diversity is represented in more than the color of one's skin.

To switch gears, we think that **academic row** is extremely underrated. Academic row is the water cooler in the office, it's that one place you can be guaranteed to see your best friend, worst enemy, most embarrassing hook up or the professor who's class you skipped earlier. We think that it is underrated because people steer clear of it precisely to avoid these encounters. However, the convenience of the straight five-minute walk from one end of campus to the other cannot be denied. Although it may be awkward getting to Moyer, it would be worse having to take three buses and a train just to get from one class to the other.

President Helm: Even though it is a small school and we should expect to see him at every event, that fact that he is actually there and does take the time to know his students is heartwarming. On a Tuesday night he can be found in the Garden Room eating with a random group of students and on Saturday afternoons he sits in the stands, sporting his Muhlenberg gear and bowtie, just to show his support for the College's various teams.

Student run organizations: As much consideration and time that President Helm gives to the College, we feel that the student leaders on campus match and maybe even surpass his dedication. These students devote most of their "free" time attempting to solve the College's problems, to informing the Student Body, as well as voicing their passions and particular interests to anyone who wants to listen. While most may see the College as apathetic, these students prove otherwise, and we commend them for it.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

We write in response to last week's letter to the editor regarding the decision not to allow three student dance groups to perform during the half-time of the football game during Homecoming Weekend.

The fact is that none of the three groups were ever told nor promised that they would be performing at half time. This was not a last minute decision or a reversal of a previous decision. When they originally asked to perform, we explained why because of time constraints it was not possible for the groups to perform this year. It is our understanding that all three groups performed at the pep rally on Friday night.

In addition, NCAA guidelines clearly state that we are permitted only 20 minutes from the time the football team leaves the field until the kickoff for the second-half begins. The home team is penalized if this time limit is violated. Obviously, 20 minutes does not allow a lot of time to work with.

During our homecoming halftime festivities, there are special awards and presentations given on a yearly basis that consumes the majority of the time including a performance by the cheerleaders; the presentation of the Sidney Weikert Sophomore Athlete of the Year Award; the presentation of the 2007 Homecoming Court and the crowning of the 2007 Homecoming King and Queen. This year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of co-education, we honored 50-years of homecoming queens. This program used all the allotted time.

Homecoming is one game a year and only once every 50 years do we have a 50th anniversary. There are four other home football games a year as well as many other sporting events throughout the year outside of the Homecoming game that would allow student groups participation. We suggest that perhaps a better weekend to perform would be during Family Weekend.

Although there are certainly student elements of Homecoming it is important to remember that Homecoming is primarily a celebration of our returning alumni and each year we look for different ways to engage our alumni constituency by offering a variety of programming that match their undergraduate interests and remind them of their College experience.

We thank all of our students who participated in Homecoming activities, especially our Cardinal Keys and our student group scarecrow designers.

Traci Falco '92
Director of Alumni Relations

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Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations

Pot Should Be Legal

By Joe Beninati
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

435,000 people die each year from tobacco. 85,000 people die each year from alcohol. 32,000 people die each year from adverse reactions to prescriptions drugs. Even 20,000 people die each year from explicit sexual behavior. But zero people each year die from the use of marijuana. This statistic begs the question: why is marijuana illegal? Many people argue that this is because the state should not warrant anything unhealthy or immoral to its citizens. Well if that's the case, alcohol and tobacco both have

severe health risks involved, even more so than marijuana, yet, why are they legal? Many people would then say that marijuana is addictive and it will rob the user of free will, as well as inhibit their senses. First off, the user can exercise their free will to use marijuana and the government has no say in what a person can do with his or her free will. Furthermore, marijuana has no addicting qualities—not to say it can't be abused—but it is significantly less addicting than tobacco. Tobacco has severe physiological addiction, even stronger than cocaine, while marijuana has none.

Like any substance, legal or not,

marijuana can be abused. The most common problem from frequent overuse causes lethargic and lazy behavior. Short term memory loss is also attributed, but this is only caused while under the influence. There have been many documented tests with marijuana and all report that marijuana causes no long term memory loss. It does not lead to other "harder" drugs; this can only happen if the user lets this happen. Other commonly thought side-effects of marijuana are brain damage, genetic damage or damage to the immune system. All of these are false and marijuana contributes nothing to any of these, unlike alco-

hol, which is documented to cause severe brain damage. Continuous long-term use can trigger bronchitis, sometimes severe, but smoking marijuana casually does not lead to acute lung disease or severe bronchitis. Respiratory health risks can even be eliminated by consuming marijuana via baked goods or a vaporizer. In 1997, UCLA conducted an extensive study of heavy marijuana smokers over an 8-year period. The test was conducted to determine the long-term respiratory effects of smoking marijuana.

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An open letter to the president of Iran

By Kyle L. Miller
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Dear President Ahmadinejad,
You are welcome. You are welcome for the opportunity to come to the United

States, a country where freedom of speech is a right, not just a political euphemism for the same concept. You are also welcome for the protection which our government affords you during such visits to our country; those are our hard earned tax dollars at work. You will understand then, when one of the nation's finest and well-respected law enforcement agencies, the NYPD, could not grant you access to Ground Zero, they could not guarantee your security, notwithstanding the other issues which aided in their decision. As you well know, your speech at Columbia University was widely publicized and reported, which enables many Americans the opportunity to read and form their own perspectives and opinions. You mentioned many times that you hoped Americans would form their own, unfiltered, opinions about yourself and Iran. Thank you for that opportunity, and consider the following feedback from one of those Americans.

Generally, when one person asks a question, especially to an educator and academic such as you proclaim yourself to be, the courtesy of an applicable answer is usually given. For someone who asks so many questions of others, perhaps you should start answering those asked of you. In case you didn't understand the nature of the questions posed at the forum they were: Why do you seek nuclear weapons? Why do you advocate the destruction of Israel? Why do you sponsor terrorism?

Your answer to the first question was not satisfactory, as Iran has never fully cooperated with the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency). If your nation was truly interested in peace then the issue wouldn't be so controversial and Iran would be more willing to work with the international community. This issue bleeds into the next question also never addressed: if the Iranian nation wasn't seeking the destruction of Israel, why would they need a nuclear weapon? Easily answered, as you have stated before, "Israel should be wiped off the map." If you have ever heard of the Iranian Hostage Crisis, then you would know why Iran is renowned as a state sponsor of terror, not to mention the support of Hezbollah and Hamas, as well as insurgents in Iraq. All for which there is ample independent evidence on an international level, not necessarily supplied by the

"monopolistic powers." In many respects here, your words have fallen victim to your actions. The actions of our country can be framed in the same concept of what you stated as criminal justice. In a bizarre answer to a question about the treatment of homosexuals and women, "If somebody takes up a gun, goes into a house, kills a group of people there, and then tries to take ransom, how would you confront them in Iran — or in the United States? Would you reward them?" Certainly, they would not be rewarded. Then why does Iran expect to be rewarded for similar actions?

On the subject of the Holocaust, the most documented genocide in history, you continue to claim that more research is needed. For what purpose? To deny the Holocaust? Your call for more research, on the basis that no issue should be closed to research, in order to discover different perspectives on the Holocaust indicates a selective understanding of history. It is clear your academic or scientific standard is one of radical subjectivity in which little, other than the desired perspective or result, is realized. In this respect, on other issues relating to the opinions and traditions of the American people, do not presume you are knowledgeable about subjects you are not aware, neither which you will have any ability to grasp. This is quite unfortunate, since you ask the so much of others in the ability to understand the Iranian people.

The ridiculousness of your claims are epitomized in such statements as "In Iran, we don't have homosexuals, like in your country... In Iran, we do not have this phenomenon. I don't know who's told you that we have it." Your claim to truth, as if God ordained, is just as silly, and it is negated by the fact that you deny the possibilities of other "truths" in other countries and cultures, even though as an academic you claim to be in the search for truth — resulting in a sort of hypocritical truthism.

It is unfortunate that the people of Iran are subjected to your form of "democracy" where the government chooses the candidates, although you would like to believe that is the same here in the United States. Perhaps if the Iranians had the freedom to choose, they wouldn't have elected a backwards nonsensical holier-than-thou radical who, in under other less dangerous circumstances, could be a source of comic relief. Thank you, Ahmadinejad, for your performance. As it is said, "all the world's a stage," and you are certainly one of the most preposterous players.

The Political Game

By Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

It seems that the Democrats are missing two crucial body parts as of late — their brain and their spine. In a political attempt to satisfy a small segment of the gay community, House Democrats have removed crucial legislative language from the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. ENDA, as the act is often referred, previously would ban discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation and gender identity. But as of Fri., Sept. 28,

Congressional Democrats removed gender identity from the bill, thus gutting any substance within the bill and making its passage meaningless.

As a gay male, who would be protected under the revised version of ENDA, I strongly oppose passage of this gutted version of the bill. Additionally, I am ashamed of any queer rights organization that would support a bill giving pro-

tections to one segment of our community while ignoring the transgender community and gender non-conforming issues as a whole.

This poorly thought-out plan intended to make the bill less controversial and was cooked up without any consultation with the queer community. It came as a shock even to the largest national gay and lesbian lobbying organization, the Human Rights Campaign.

To pass this legislation without gender identity will require at least another 20 years until a new law is drafted.

1960s, barring workplace discrimination based on race or religion.

How would that legislation have looked if it read that discrimination of African Americans was illegal, but discrimination against Latinos was legal? It has taken years for sexual orientation to be brought into the dialogue of necessity to be a

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Is three the right answer?



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

A recent resolution in the United States Senate voices support for partitioning Iraq into three separate

states, which will divide the nation into regions controlled by the Kurds, Sunnis and Shiites. Generally speaking, this plan has not been supported inside of Iraq by either politicians or common citizens. Yet, at this stage of the war all options should remain on the table in hope of leaving Iraq as stable a nation as humanly possible.

It is no secret that Iraq is bloodily divided between Sunnis, Shiites and to a lesser extent, Kurds. Currently, the Kurds are running a semiautonomous state in the north and are among the few inside Iraq who wouldn't mind having more power taken from the federal government and given to the regions. The Shiites and Sunnis certainly seem to have irrevocable differences and haven't made substantial political progress toward working together over the previous few years.

The Shiites make up the majority in the country, at roughly 60-65 per-

cent of the population. However, it was the minority, Sunnis, who held power under Saddam Hussein's government. This obviously has helped build tensions and a lack of trust among common Iraqis, many of whom identify themselves with their particular sect over identifying themselves as an Iraqi.

I don't believe it is admitting failure by dividing Iraq into three loosely affiliated states. At this point, it is hard to form an argument that a united Iraq would be more peaceful than a divided one. However, if America cannot rally enough popular support for the plan inside Iraq, the decision could be near impossible to carry out.

Common sense would say that Iraq's government should make the ultimate decision on the fate of their country. Yet, since America has decided to become an occupying force and take the fate of Iraq into

its own hands, it has to make sure Iraq becomes as peaceful and functional as possible. Iraq's politicians have been unproductive and generally incompetent, which is another factor limiting our success in the war. They are quickly losing their right to veto suggestions to make Iraq a more stable country. If they don't want their nation partitioned, they need to demonstrate political progress and cooperation with rival sects.

Three states may be better than one when it comes to Iraq. It is certainly an option that deserves intensive examination as the current government continually fails to make any progress. The partition plan is not without its faults, including the threat of the Shiite region falling under heavy Iranian influence. Yet, as it stands now it would be foolish to blindly march towards a unified Iraq if the desired results are clearly not going to be achieved.

Pork Barrell Political Issues

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I recently read an article in a satirical online magazine called "The Onion". The article, titled, "Scientists Ask Congress to Fund \$50 Billion Science Thing," was a spoof on the amount of money congress allocates to fund private projects that may or may not be fully understood by the men voting on them, or even successful once funded.

With the presidential election looming in the not-too-distant future, pork barrel politics and what each candidate plans on doing for the average American is naturally a factor in the vote. And while pork barrel politics definitely have their pros, such as bringing Congress' attention to worthy causes and providing funding for progressive civil reforms, I have to wonder how much is too much?

This week's big pork barrel political issue was President Bush's plans to veto the expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance program in the name of fiscal responsibility this past Thursday night. As the CNN report explained, the expansion of the bill is a massive step towards universal health care and would double the amount of children with health care insurance coverage in the country from four to eight million. The opposition to the expansion of the Health Insurance program asserts that the bill doesn't focus enough on poor families without health care, and the funding for the program comes from raising taxes to help those who already have insurance even though it may not be adequate coverage. Still others in congress argue that the bill isn't even about health care but about partisan politics and who has political advantage over the other. The serious CNN report was just as twisted as the satirical comedy of "The Onion", except CNN wasn't trying to be funny.

The hilarity of the article in "The Onion" struck a cord with me after I heard of the plans of the President to veto the health care bill. Boring budget crippling requests to fund new scientific studies don't even make the front page of the major news networks. In comparison, something as flashy as health care easily makes for popular news coverage even though it might not be as expensive. The public gets so caught up in debating the effects on the budget of cheaper but sensational government programs that they fail to notice the giant elephant that's been flying under the radar.

This upcoming presidential election will focus on budget issues such as universal health care, the environment, the war on Iraq and its repercussions on taxes. It's easy to sit back and watch 30 minutes of the news and claim to be informed about current politics. But at some point you have to wonder, is this really an important issue, or are you being fed the fatty end of the pork in order to satisfy your hunger without drawing attention to the good meat?

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"Findings from the long-term study of heavy, habitual marijuana smokers argue against the concept that continuing heavy use of marijuana is a significant risk factor for the development of chronic lung disease." The study also determined that there was no difference in lung function over the eight year period, as well as no difference in the lungs between even heavy a smoker compared to a non-smoker.

It is quite clear that there needs to be a change in the way the judicial system views marijuana. The original law was created in 1937 as a tax act. It only required that sellers obtain a license so the sale could be regulated by the state. Harry Anslinger, though, testified that marijuana be prohibited because it had a violent effect on the "degener-

ate races," referring to the immense amount of immigrants entering the country during the Great Depression. Since this was a dire time for our country, the law was passed without much. Now that this time has come and gone, and clearly this statement is out of date, there is no evidence of marijuana causing violent behavior. It is time we re-evaluate our law on marijuana, which was created so long ago and on such poor values that a class system existed in our country. Slowly across the country, marijuana has been de-criminalized, and in New York City laws have been changed dramatically in recent years that soften the grip on marijuana. The time has come for the politicians to realize that they were wrong, to look at the clear evidence and legalize the substance that has dramatically less side effects than alcohol and tobacco: marijuana.

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protected status - and to pass this legislation without gender identity will require at least another 20 years until a new law is drafted.

Gay and Lesbian activists also need to realize that gender identity is the most common cause for discrimination. More times than not, when gay men are discriminated against it is due to their gender expression - that is their level of presenting their femininity - rather than being discriminated against based on their sexual orientation. By stripping the legislative protections of ENDA only to include sexual orientation, the effect does not protect anyone from

gender-based discrimination, including perceived sexual orientation.

Almost all the coalition members pushing for the passage of ENDA have now come out with words of caution about passage of this bill without gender identity. I urge all concerned Muhlenberg students to take a stand that there is, in the words of Audre Lorde, no hierarchy of oppression. My rights as a gay male are no more important than those of my transgender and gender non-conforming friends, and I do not want to see ENDA passed without ending workplace discrimination for the whole queer community. I am tired of the identity-politics game - Democrats need to learn the game of justice for all.

Bienvenidos a Latin Heritage Week

By Caitlin Bandfield
COPY EDITOR

The sights, sounds and tastes of Hispanic culture have taken over the campus starting on Mon., Oct. 1 as part of Latin Heritage Week at the College. National Hispanic Heritage Month takes place in the United States from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. The College's club, Comunidad Latina, chose to celebrate the week of Mon. Oct. 1.

Part of the College's Multicultural Life, Comunidad Latina is a club dedicated to bringing Latino culture into the College community. It is an organization for everyone and anyone, a safe spot for Latinos to come and talk about issues and for other people to learn more about Hispanic culture in general.

Started three years ago by Comunidad Latina, Latin Heritage Week is organized by the club and sponsored by both the Office of Multicultural Life and the Student Activities Office. The week long celebrations started Monday. On Monday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. there were cooking lessons in the Multicultural House on how to make empanadas, a delicious treat that is similar to a stuffed pastry.

On Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. there was a movie in the Great Room in Seegers Union and on Wednesday night from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. there was an open house at the Multicultural Center with a big dinner from a Spanish restaurant in downtown Allentown. Thursday night dinner in the Garden Room will feature Latino music, followed by salsa lessons in the Great Room in Seegers at 8:00 p.m.

Heritage Week will end on Friday night with a Quinceañera in the Garden Room from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m..

In Hispanic culture, the Quinceañera is a traditional event that celebrates a girl's fifteenth birthday, in some ways similar to the Sweet Sixteen that many young American women have.

However, the Quinceañera is a traditional celebration that is very important in the life of a young Hispanic woman. While the Quinceañera in the Garden Room will highlight the cultural significance of this occasion, it will also feature a modern twist that will help everyone to have a great time and learn more about Hispanic customs.

According to Wilma Cespedes-Rivera '09, a member of Comunidad Latina and someone helping to organize Friday night's Quinceañera, "The party is a coming-of-age and will be a lot of fun for everyone there. I hope people are open to trying new things." All of the events are open to the Student Body, with Friday night donations being accepted for Allentown's Casa Guadalupe, a non-profit organization that assists Latinos living in the Lehigh Valley.

Latin Heritage Week looks to be an enjoyable and informative five days of events that will help inform others on what it means to be Latino. Steph Siegel '09, the President of Comunidad Latina, said, "Latin Heritage Week is a way to raise awareness of and promote Hispanic culture within the Muhlenberg community, as well as to highlight and celebrate diversity, because it is often overlooked."

Student Council on the move

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Over the summer, there were a number of important changes that took place within the Student Affairs offices in the lower level of Seegers Union.

The lower level of Seegers is used on a daily basis by most students at the College. The presence of the 'Berg Bookstore, student mailboxes and Sandella's make the area a natural "hang out" spot

for students and allows students who are passing by to notice or even stop in the offices positioned there. Over the summer, a number of changes have occurred to allow the most use to be had from the lower level Seegers area and for the space to be utilized most effectively by those involved.

Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, commented about the decision to reorganize the lower level of Seegers. She said, "...it was evident that if we made some changes in office space on the lower level of Seegers Union, we could accommodate Student Council in that location which would allow more foot traffic for all of the operations in that location."

The Student Council offices had been previously situated in the Life Sports Building, an area described by Green to be "off the beaten path" and out of the direct gaze of the Student Body. In an effort to make the Student Council more interactive with those who they represent, the decision was made to move them into Seegers. This decision was made after a workshop that was conducted last spring with a national Student Government Organization member.

In the new Community Service Office is Kate Cartwright, Assistant Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement. In the past, the Assistant Director of Community Service was in an office next to the Director of Community Service. Also in the new Community Service Office are Lee Kolbe, Assistant Director of Student Activities and Carli Segal '08, Presidential Assistant. Lee Kolbe and Carli Segal haven't moved offices, but are now separated from the others in their departments.

Three main offices of Seegers' lower level have now combined into two, and the Offices of Community Service and Student Activities have switched locations. The Student Council office is currently located in the old Greek Affairs office, causing Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, to move to the new Student Activities Office.

Also in the Student Activities Office is Beth Halpern, Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement, where the Director of Community Service has always been. However, Bev MacEwan, Director of Student Activities and Loretta Carver, the Office Manager of Student Life, have moved from the old Student Activities Office across the hall to the new Student Activities office.

Glenn Gerchman, Director of the Student Union and Campus Events, asserted that one of the main reasons for the relocation of the offices was "to more easily promote a higher level of interdependence among the departments. Higher levels of sharing and cooperation would be easier to develop naturally and common learning outcomes would form a bond of purpose and direction."

Student Council looks favorably on the new move. Scott Gordon, the Student Body President, stated "The new office in Seegers is a great way for Student Council to

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Damara Gonzalez '08 helped to make empanadas on Monday in the Multicultural Center.

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Sudoku

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Council Corner

Get weekly news about what your Student Council is doing for you!

Student Council Regular Meetings are at 7pm every Thursday in the 3rd floor Haas conference room.

This Semester's Student Body Meetings*:

October 30, 2007

November 27, 2007

*All of the meetings will start at 8 p.m., location TBA

Campus Safety Committee encourages you to ride your bike at school and help with the parking problem, while staying environment friendly!

Check back
next week for
the results of
the 2011 class
elections!

Attend a committee meeting!
All committees meet in the Student Council office in Seegers Union, unless noted.
Academics - Monday @ 4:30pm
Athletics - Tuesday @ 7:30pm
CCA - Wednesday @ 7:00pm
Communications - Monday @ 8pm
Campus Safety - Tuesday @ 4:30pm (Campus Safety Office)
Finance - Monday @ 5:00pm (Fulford Room, Library)
Seegers Union - Tuesday @ 6:00pm
Technology - Wednesday @ 6:00pm

A battle for the power

By Eirinn Disbrow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The Powerhouse Café, located in the Life Sports Center, has recently removed its name due to a legal issue concerning another "Powerhouse Café" in Winter Park, Florida. The College was contacted by the café's attorneys last May because the owner felt that the identical names posed a conflict for his business. He found out about the College's name through a customer visiting from the Pennsylvania area. Although the College is irrationally being targeted considering that there are many uses of the Power House name across the country, the College decided that it was not necessary to spend its resources on a pointless battle.

Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer and Treasurer of the College, asserts that there were precautions taken before the naming of "The Powerhouse Café" on campus.

A preliminary trademark search was done by the College's attorney in 2004 and no matching trademarks came up. Dyer understands the College's compliance in order to avoid legal issues, however, he explains that he "still does not believe that the location in Florida is damaged in any way by the College's use of the name."

Currently, the café is being referred to as the "Life Sports Center Café". Glenn Gerchman, Director of Dining Services, explains that recently the "Life Sports Center Café" has been greatly discussed and evaluated by

Dining Services because it is not particularly popular among the Student Body. Gerchman hopes that there will be some serious changes to the café within the next year. He expects a new name to coincide along with these changes.

If a new company is brought into the College then the café would undertake its name, similarly to how the dining area in the Red Door took on the brand name "Sandella's". However, if the café remains associated with the College then Dining Services will most likely turn to the campus community for possible ideas. Erica Lang, Presidential Assistant, asserts that anyone is welcome to submit their ideas to her or Glenn Gerchman. "We all work in the Student Union and are compiling a list, hopefully we will be able to adopt a new name from that list", explained Lang.

So far there have not been many suggestions because most students are still unaware that there has even been a name change. Gerchman explains that because the café still offers the same products and services, there has been no indicator to students that there has been a significant change. Many students are not affected by this change because they rarely visit the café to begin with. Lang even states that she has no attachment to the powerhouse name and hardly ever has a reason to reference the café.

For these reasons, the Student Body should definitely look forward to not only a new name, but also some other appealing changes to the "Life Sports Center Café" coming in the near future.



Now being referred to as the Life Sports Center Cafe, the formerly known Powerhouse Cafe is searching for a new permanent name.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

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over 1000 other alum came back to visit, as well. Traci Falco, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, said having the Homecoming Queens participate during Halftime of the Football Game, "was a really unique way to tie in the 50 years of co-education during Homecoming." Tracy Gartmann '92, Falco's classmate and 1991 Homecoming Queen, said the presentation of previous queens, "extended my 15-minutes of

fame in 1991 by another 30-seconds!"

The Office of Development and Alumni Relations also hosted an Afternoon Tea with the previous Homecoming Queens. Many of them are still actively involved in the College, serving as members of the Board of Trustees, Reunion Chairs or members of the Reunion Committees. Falco said, "I guess our students of the past have done a great job in selecting the leaders on campus at the time to honor as their Homecoming Queen."

Co-education calendar of events

November

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner, Nov. 17
Celina Boer Schmidt '99 will be among those inducted.

December

Candlelight Carol Service, Dec. 8-9
This is also the 50th anniversary of the candlelight service. The Candlelight Carol Service will have a traditional holiday collection, which will be donated to women's issues-related non-profit groups.

February

Keynote Speaker - Dr. Shirley Tilghman, Feb. 14
President of Princeton University
"Promises Made, Promises Kept: Women in Higher Education"

March

50th Anniversary of Co-Education Celebration Weekend March, 28-30
A celebration of the 50th anniversary of co-education at the College.
LVAIC Women's Studies Conference March 29
Trexler Library Displays for Women's History Month, Fashion Through the Decades and Muhlenberg Alumnae who are authors

April

Honors Convocation, April 27
Joan Marx '77, professor of Spanish, will deliver the faculty address.

May

Commencement, May 18
The 2008 Commencement will feature a female speaker and several women will receive Honorary Degrees.

June

Reunion 2008: Rolling Out the Red Carpet & Alumni Achievement Awards, June 6-8

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reach out to the Student Body. We are now more easily accessible to all of the clubs, organizations, and any other students that have any concerns or questions."

Monique Ellison '09, a student worker for the Office of Community Service, said "I feel that Student Council took the office without talking it over with the people invested

in it. This year was already not an easy transition with new directors in the department and the College tore us apart from each other."

Green's outlook on the future is bright and has asserted that all parties involved have been "successful in moving forward" through the change. Hopefully this new addition to Seegers Union will prove to be a good thing, not only for those offices involved but for the students passing by as well.

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Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 25 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to cooking in Robertson Hall.

Sept. 25 - Fire - A student called to report a fire in one of the hookah barrels outside of Prosser Hall. The fire was caused by trash that had been thrown in the barrel by students. The fire had been put out by the time Campus Safety arrived.

Sept. 25 - Suspicious Person - A white male in his early 40's exposed himself on 2202 Chew Street. He was arrested by the Allentown Police and charged with indecent exposure.

Sept. 25 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to cooking at 318 Albright Street.

Sept. 27 - Suspicious Person - A man was spotted hanging out in the alleyway outside of Above and Beyond Assisted Living and Personal Care on 2201 Liberty Street.

Sept. 28 - Institutional Vandalism - A table was damaged in the football stadium and could not be repaired.

Sept. 28 - Disorderly Conduct - A female student reported that she felt uncomfortable by a male Sodexo employee who approached her in the Generals Quarters. This matter will be forwarded to Dining Services and they will be asked to speak to him.

Sept. 28 - Dispatch Code - A student from the fourth floor of Walz Hall decided to take a leave of absence from the school. Campus Safety was standing by while the student emptied out his belongings.

Sept. 28 - Injured Student - A student from the 2nd floor of G Hall of East Hall injured her ankle. She was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 28 - Noise Complaint - A neighbor called to report a noise complaint coming from 327 and 329 N. 22nd Street. They will be receiving a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police.

Sept. 29 - Intoxicated Person - A student was arrested for public intoxication on 325 N. 22nd Street.

Sept. 29 - Noise Complaint - A neighbor called to report a noise complaint coming from 2127 Gordon Street. They will be receiving a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police.

Sept. 29 - Liquor Law - Two students were arrested from 2127 Gordon Street for public intoxication, underage consumption, and false identification.

Sept. 29 - Theft - A table was stolen from the East Lawn next to Trexler Library.

Sept. 29 - Institutional Vandalism - Inappropriate graffiti was written in chalk on the east wall of Martin Luther Hall. Plant Operations was notified and the chalk was cleaned off.

Sept. 29 - Institutional Vandalism - A chalk line was found on the floor in the study room of C level of Trexler Library. Plant Operations was notified and the chalk was cleaned off the floor.

Sept. 29 - Injured Student - A student injured his back on the fourth floor of Walz

Hall. He was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 29 - Sick Student - An intoxicated student was found on the third floor of Walz Hall. He was transported to the hospital. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 29 - Noise Complaint - A neighbor reported a noise complaint at 2120 Liberty Street. They will be receiving a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police.

Sept. 30 - Liquor Law - Underage students were found consuming alcohol on the third floor of Walz Hall. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 30 - Sick Student - A student became sick in the Generals Quarters of Seeger's Union. He refused transport to the hospital.

Sept. 30 - Liquor Law - An unknown individual left a bottle of Corona in the hallway of the fourth floor of Martin Luther Hall. The individual has not been identified.

Sept. 30 - Liquor Law -

Four underage students were found consuming alcohol on the first floor of Prosser Hall. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Sept. 30 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - The scarecrows were destroyed and scattered all along academic row. Plant Operations was notified and the scarecrows were cleaned up.

Sept. 30 - Fire/Safety Violation - A student called to report that a fire extinguisher was in a tree behind Benfer Hall. It can not currently be retrieved because it is too high in the tree.

Oct. 1 - Institutional Vandalism - A number of chairs were flipped over, a podium was broken, and a fire extinguisher was discharged in the tent in the East Lawn behind the Chapel.

Oct. 1 - Institutional Vandalism - A student drove his car onto the walk way between Moyer and East Hall and destroyed a bush. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

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Life!

"People find life entirely too time-consuming."

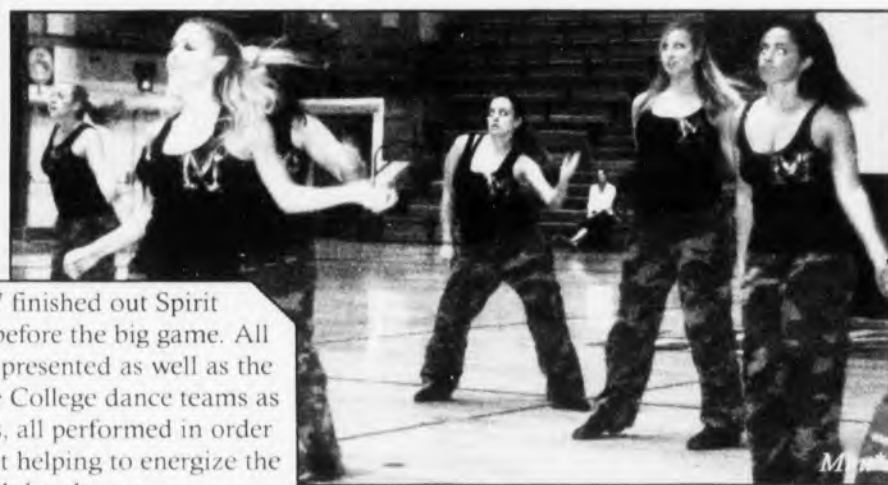
- Stanislaw Jerzy Lec

Homecoming 2007



Homecoming 2007 finished out Spirit Week with a pep rally before the big game. All the athletic teams were presented as well as the homecoming court. The College dance teams as well as the cheerleaders, all performed in order to showcase school spirit helping to energize the audience and the players.

Compiled by Luanne Linares and Navah Meller
Photos by Jamie Schneider



Scarecrow Contest



Scarecrows lined Academic Row last week for the annual scarecrow contest as part of the Homecoming activities. The theme was past, present, and future. Several groups used this idea to show a progression of time at Muhlenberg, including a timeline of women's history at the College constructed by the Delta Zetas and past and future knitters made by the Knit Wits. Groups competed in three categories—scariest, most creative, and most spirited—and the prize for each category was \$100 awarded to the group. The winners of the contest were announced during half-time of the homecoming football game. EnAct won in the scariest category with its scarecrow surrounded by facts about everyday items and their connections to the environment, including a sign that read "More than 50% of the pesticides used on my T-shirt are known to cause cancer." The Chemistry Club won for most creative for their scarecrow dressed in a white lab coat complete with chemicals in various beakers. A pumpkin formed the scarecrow's head with a lit light bulb for the nose. The award for most spirited scarecrow went to the Women's Cross Country Team. They created a "Neander-Mule" runner, a present-day runner in a uniform, and "Bionic Mule," a robotic runner with a jet pack made from water bottles. The Women's Team was excited to win and said, "It was a great team-bonding experience."

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Don't forget to swallow

By Erika Koop
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

By now we've all taken our sex education courses and know how to keep ourselves safe from the hazards that accompany sex.

Yes, there are many negatives that come with sexual intercourse, but, for a minute, let's talk about the positives. Specifically, how sexual activity offers physical and mental health benefits in addition to basic physical and mental pleasure.

First off, simply, sex can be a form of exercise. Exercise, of course, is one of the best ways to keep your body healthy, your mind sharp, and your energy levels up. During sex, your breathing and heart rates increase, muscles tense, and, depending on how enthusiastic you are, you can break a sweat.

Now, we know those are all desirable characteristics when you're running, lifting, or ellipticizing, so the next time you want to burn a couple extra calories without going to the gym, you can grab your significant other and

spend a couple hours "sexercising" instead. It is also speculated that people who are more physically fit have better sex, because they have better aerobic and muscular stamina. If that's not a good reason to get to the gym, I don't know what is.

Notably, the exercise that occurs during sexual activity is most beneficial to cardio health because of the previously mentioned increase in heart

rate. Men who have sex routinely (about twice a week throughout their lifetime) are less likely to have high blood pressure or heart attacks.

Females are likely to have lower blood pressure as well, but also, interestingly, studies have shown, that women who ingest their partners semen seem to have a lower risk of having preeclampsia, which is dangerously high blood pressure that accompanies pregnancy.

It also seems that semen can act as an anti-depressant when certain chemical components that get

absorbed into the bloodstream through intercourse without a condom. Women who partake in intercourse without condoms seem to show less symptoms of depression than women who have sex with a condom or abstain. (Wow guys, first I give you a good reason for women to swallow, now a reason for sex sans-condoms!)

However, before anyone throws out their stash of condoms, the reduction of stress and depression level is most strongly connected to simply having an orgasm.

Orgasms allow both men and women to achieve extreme relaxation, because the mind is completely submissive to the physical pleasure and is not concentrating on the stresses of life. A deeper, more restful sleep is also more likely to occur after orgasm. Sex has even been known to help cure insomnia.

The last major health benefit that seems to show up in most studies is that sex helps with relieving pain. During sex, your

body releases the hormone oxytocin which leads to the release of endorphins. These are natural opiates that make sex into a powerful analgesic or painkiller.

The ultimate result is that your pain threshold is elevated, which can help to relieve the aches of arthritis, headaches, and other ailments. This is also why many people enjoy certain activities during sex that might otherwise be considered painful.

Other benefits include the increase of blood flow, better prostate and genital health, longer life, and lessening the appearance of aging. Enhancement of sense of smell, the heightening of testosterone and estrogen levels, the strengthening of bone and muscle, and boosting of your immune system are all positive effects, too.

One thing that all researchers seem to agree about is that these health benefits are greatly enhanced when you are consistently with the same partner and practicing safe sex techniques. So, do it for your health Muhlenberg!

LOVE
&
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT YOU WANT TO DO BEFORE YOU DIE?



"I want to hook up with the girl who asks the Question of the Week."
-Jeremy Thompson '08



"I want to go to a Red Sox world series game!"
-Dr. Alec Marsh, Associate Professor of English



"I want to walk on the moon!"
-Sarah Rutstein '10



"I have to be the voice for an animated Disney character."
-Alex Kennedy '09



"I have to go to Egypt to see the Sphinx and the pyramids."
-Amanda Benincasa '10

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



The Heartbreak Kid

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Game Plan

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:20, 4:00, 7:00

The Seeker: The Dark is Rising

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:40, 4:10, 7:10

The Brave One

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
Sun. 1:20, 4:10, 7:10

Good Luck Chuck

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:00, 4:40, 7:40

Resident Evil: Extinction

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:30

Sydney White

Fri. 1:30, 4:10
Sat. 1:30, 4:10
Sun. 1:30, 4:10

The Kingdom

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:20, 7:30

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Britney Spears update:

In a shocking, and unexpected turn of events Britney Spears has lost custody of her two sons, Sean Preston, and Jayden James. There are many reasons for the recent update in the custody battle. Last month, Britney was ordered to follow numerous rules to maintain joint custody of her children with ex-husband, Kevin Federline.

Despite the rules put in place by the judge, Britney failed to comply with any of them. She did not submit to the drug testing, enroll in parental classes, meet with a drug counselor, and she did not even sign the judge's order papers.

Yet, the main and final reason for her to losing custody of her children is that despite being charged with driving without a California license, she was seen driving her two children, and even getting lost and driving the wrong way down a one way

street. As of now, Federline has full custody of the boys, whom Spears has to hand over by Wednesday. Shockingly, after losing custody of her children, Spears was seen smiling. She then proceeded to go to the DMV to apply for a license, go tanning, and later checked into the Peninsula and went out to dinner.

To add to the controversy surrounding Spears, *In Touch Weekly* is reporting that there is a new sex tape of Britney Spears circulating. This is another one in addition to the alleged one that she made with Federline.

Current Events:

Country music singer Keith Urban was involved in a small motorcycle accident on Monday in Sydney, Australia. The singer is blaming the incident on the paparazzi. Through his representation, Urban issued a statement to celebrity news website *TMZ*, "Today's incident was the result of one person's desire to do his job and my desire to maintain my privacy.

Some have already attempted to inflate the facts, but the reality is this; while out riding to an AA meeting, a time when my privacy is especially important to me, I felt myself being pursued. I sped up, and in an effort to elude an oncoming car, which was making an illegal U-turn, saw no choice but to drop my bike. In actual fact, my pursuer came to my assistance, without taking photos, and helped me from the road. I returned home, got my car, and continued on my way."

Pamela Anderson and Rick Salomon applied for a marriage license this past week. Soon after receiving the license in Las Vegas, the couple left, dispelling the wedding rumors. The license is valid for one year upon receiving it, so the couple, who have recently become engaged, could make it official soon. Rick Salomon is known for being the co-star in Paris Hilton's well known video, *One night in Paris*.

There has been talk that Nicole Richie and boyfriend/fiancée Joel

Madden have set a wedding date. The date is believed to be October 13, 2007, in Laguna Beach, California. Despite this information, some believe he is performing a concert that same day.

Michael Lohan has reported that he will be spending five days in Utah with his daughter, Lindsay, while she continues with outpatient therapy during that time.

Lindsay's father, who has persistently been accused of using his daughter and the media for himself said, "We've still got a lot of catching up to do. I'm looking forward to spending the next week with her. We've been in constant phone contact.

She's in a great, great place now. I've never heard her so honest, contrite and focused. Lindsay is weeding out all the bad. She's taking a step back and reevaluating her life. What she tells - her honesty and openness - has brought me to tears. It's beyond words how proud I am of her."

Oren's Travels: Part Two

By Oren Smith
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Hey everyone! I'd like to backtrack a little bit to better describe my visits to the Belgian cities before I talk about what I've been up to more recently (which includes traveling to The Hague, Berlin, and Luxembourg).

Belgium is often an overlooked country, and many people know little to nothing about it. In fact, a number of famous individuals in

many different fields are originally from Belgium. Audrey Hepburn, Jean-Claude van Damme, Adolphe Sax, inventor of the saxophone, Jacques Brel, legendary singer, Gerardus Mercator, cartographer, Victor Horta, Art Nouveau architect, René Magritte and Jan van Eyck, Justine Henin, tennis champion, and Albert Claude, first person to isolate a cancer cell, just to name a few. Edward de Smedt, the inventor of modern-day asphalt is even from Belgium. Now, what would we do with-

o u t asphalt... seriously.

I'd like to start off with my trip to Bruges. It is an unbelievable place. I really would like to visit it again before I leave in December. It's a

bustling city with the atmosphere of a quaint village. The canals that run through it are so cool, and there is one seemingly endless canal along which we biked for a while that stretches all the way to the Netherlands. I was able to see an authentic Belgian windmill up close, and it felt kind of like I was in some kind of storybook or something.

The city itself is also known for its lace, and there are many elaborate designs in many of the shops. We saw several swans and wild white rabbits ambling around houses built along the water, and the fresh pastries were so delicious. It must have been pretty funny watching me on the biking tour, considering I hadn't sat on a bicycle since middle school, but once the whole "it's like riding a bike" phenomenon kicked in, I was all set, and it was difficult to concentrate on anything except my picturesque surroundings and stopping to take pictures with my friends.

Antwerp was very different from Bruges, but it definitely did not disappoint. Three of my friends and I took a train to the city one Saturday and scoped out the zoo and the diamond museum. The zoo gardens

were outstanding and seeing all the animals was very fun. I think I just really like zoos to begin with. It was particularly funny for me to see the North American porcupine at the zoo when I can see them in my backyard in Maine, although I never knew they could climb trees!

The diamond museum had some fascinating artifacts in it, and I learned a lot about the industry that fuels a sizeable portion of Antwerp's business. Antwerp has a more urban feel to it, and there are lots of places to shop.

Sometimes it's nice to just get away from city life and experience the outdoors to the fullest. My study abroad CIEE group went on a kayaking excursion in the Ardennes forest, and we also went on a tour of some famous caves which happened to be the oldest tourist attraction in Belgium.

Despite the battle with the waters, the river died down enough for me to take out my camera and snap some pictures, including one of a modern-day castle we paddled by. It's moments like that where I realize how lucky I am for this opportunity and that I'm really enjoying a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Until next time! Take care.



Oren snaps a picture of a modern-day castle while kayaking through the Ardennes Forest.

PHOTO BY OREN SMITH

Amazon Cafe:

A healthy alternative to fast food

By Alexis Resnick
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Muhlenberg students are constantly on the go making quick, affordable meals the most frequent route traveled. For those students looking for a healthy alternative to fast food or the redundant menu at GQ, the Amazon Café is the right place for you. New to the Lehigh Valley, Amazon Café serves up a variety of healthy and always fresh sandwiches, salads, soups and fruit smoothies.

Located on 3900 Hamilton Boulevard in the shopping plaza across from Dorney Park, Amazon Café boasts deep maroon, green and yellow walls. The red glass fixtures hanging from the ceiling add to the bright and vibrant atmosphere.

The café also offers other perks perfect for students, which include wireless internet access and a few TV's scattered throughout the restaurant. The friendly staff completes the fun, relaxing environment.

The ambience goes hand in hand with the food here at Amazon, where they deliver fun, original creations such as the Thai'd Up Wrap, Chicken Bella Panini, Tomato and 3 Cheese Soup and Taco Salad.

At only \$5.99, the wraps show-

case big flavors for a small price. The Citrus Chicken, a new menu item, has become a favorite of customers, including myself. Filled with grilled chicken, spring mix, mandarin oranges, nuts, tomato and citrus vinaigrette, this wrap showcases sweet and tangy flavors balanced against the robust, peppery flavor of the chicken.

Another delicious item on the menu is the Turkey Brie Panini – a combination of turkey, brie, spring mix and honey mustard sandwiched between two pieces of warm, crispy bread. Other Amazon classic includes the Amazon Club and Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap.

For those of you who are vegetarians, Amazon Café offers a variety of items like the Spring Salad or the Balsamic Garden Panini with grilled vegetables, mozzarella and balsamic vinaigrette. Let me also suggest the Hummus Wrap, complete with hummus, grilled vegetables, olives, feta cheese and spring mix.

All of the flavors in this wrap compliment each other and the freshness of the ingredients is undeniable. What is also great about this wrap is the play on textures – the smooth consistency of the hummus paired with the chunky vegetables adds depth to the already tasty wrap. This defi-

nately stands out as my favorite item on the menu.

Be sure not to leave without trying one of their fruit smoothies. Made from only fresh fruit, Amazon offers a lengthy list of unique smoothie combinations, some of which feature their "Amazon Power Boosts".

These boosts are a blend of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, and range from the "Nutrient" Power Boost to the "Fat-Burner" Power Boost. These smoothies are not only flavorful, but healthy as well.

I recommend trying the "Skinny Delight", a refreshing blend of watermelon juice, bananas, strawberries and honey. It is similar to a strawberry and banana smoothie, but the watermelon juice and honey give it a distinctive twist.

Just a few minutes from campus, Amazon Café is a great new place to grab a healthy and fresh breakfast, lunch, dinner or snack with friends. The convenience, affordability and relaxing setting all create a "student-friendly" environment that can be a nice break from the hectic buzz of campus.

With delicious, quick food, friendly service and standout smoothies, Amazon Café will definitely have you coming back for more.

Write for Life!

"Life is a highway, I
wanna write for it all
night long..."

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Beauty and fashion corner: Dressing for your body

The "Skinny" on Skinny Jeans and the New Trend in Pants for Fall:

While seasonal fashion trends come and go, dressing for your body type never goes out of style. Most of us that flip through the pages of *Glamour* or *InStyle* want to emulate the latest trends of the season, however it is important to remember that what looks good on the size 00 runway models does not always translate as well on the average woman, who tends to be a little more curvaceous.

Although skinny jeans have been a huge trend, their main intension is to accentuate the hips of women who have more of a narrow frame and want the illusion of an hourglass figure. For the women who already have curves and find that the skinny jean may not be as flattering to them as their counterparts, don't fret. With the arrival of fall, so comes a new fashion trend: the wide leg pant.

This trend will give the illusion of a thinner silhouette and a more proportional body. If you don't have a pointed toe shoe already, you might consider going out and buying a pair. Although some women might be hesitant to purchase a pair thinking their size nine foot is big enough already, you'll be surprised to find that the point in this style of shoe will elongate your leg, not your foot, giving you those runway legs you've always wanted.

Everyday Makeup Tips:

If you find that when your alarm goes off in the morning and you only have a few minutes to get ready to go to class, and your not looking as glamorous as you hoped, just remember to incorporate these few essential beauty items into your morning routine to get you looking like you really got those eight hours of beauty sleep. We all may not be able to get it, but we sure can fake it! To have a refreshed look remember not to leave the house without applying:

- a little mascara
- some lip gloss
- if you are feeling pale apply, a little blush

Dickinson difficult for Men's and Women's Soccer

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

The Men's Soccer Team has been playing tough teams, but they have certainly been giving them a run for their money. On Wed., Sept. 26 they took on Dickinson, shutting them out 1-0. In their first game back at home in weeks, the Mules fought through the Red Devils' tough defensive play, and found the back of the net for the only goal of the game which was set up by a free kick. Junior Greg Leischner took the free kick, and his teammates took it from there. The ball went to junior Billy Dalton and then over to classmate A.J. Barnold, who scored for his first career goal. The Red Devils had not trailed in a game all season, and were threatening to tie up the game down the stretch, but the Mules were able to hang on to their one-goal lead and take the victory.

Muhlenberg goalie Peter Bennett has been a key factor in his team's success this season. He is currently ranked 47th in Division III, and following his shut-out of Dickinson, his goals-against average dropped to 0.57.

For Homecoming Weekend, the Mules battled another resilient opponent in Johns Hopkins. The Blue Jays came into the game as the top-scoring team in Division III and boasted an undefeated record. However, the first goal of the game went to the Mules, as junior Brendan Carroll found senior Karim Assous who drilled it in for his second goal of the 2007 season.

Unfortunately, their lead would not last long, as the Blue Jays took a 2-1 lead and held on to take the win. Dalton had a few solid chances to tie up the game, but the ball could not find the net.

Meanwhile, the Women's Team played Haverford on Tues., Sept. 25. Freshman Rachael Goldstein and Valerie Patriarca scored just 38 seconds apart, and sophomore Christina O'Grady found a loose ball and knocked it into the net just four minutes after the previous pair of goals. Sophomore Kasey Hacker notched her first point of the season, assisting on Patriarca's goal. Sophomore Kate Morrissey played a strong game in goal, making seven saves for her third shut-out of the season.

Next up, the Mules battled Dickinson during Homecoming Weekend, but like the Men's Team, they were unable to grab the win. They were, however, able to at least avoid a loss, and settled for a 2-2 tie. Senior Maura Hendsey scored her first goal of the season, assisted by sophomore Kimberly Hacker. Kasey Hacker was later able to place a shot into the top corner of the net, and the Mules found themselves enjoying a 2-0 lead. However, the Red Devils feature a high-powered offense, and came back, tying the game up off a corner kick with only 1:05 left in regulation. After an indecisive overtime, the teams went their separate ways, each ending with two goals. The Mules outshot Dickinson 16-12, and came close to winning the game in overtime, but couldn't finish it.



Junior Greg Leischner took the free kick that led to a Muhlenberg goal early in the first half against Dickinson.

PHOTO BY BECKY KOLPAK

Volleyball's ups and downs

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg Volleyball has gone through a rough patch of late, but broke out with record-setting performances and milestones.

On Wed., Sept. 19, the Mules (5-7, 0-2) took on Johns Hopkins (12-2, 1-0). Unfortunately, they were swept 3-0. A bright spot, however, was junior Megan Eiser's assist count, as she became the seventh Mule in the school's history to reach the 1,000 mark. With her 18-assist performance, she hit 1,011 career assists. Leading the Mules in kills was sophomore Phylcia Lee with six. Leading in digs was senior Megan Young with seven, and sophomore Christina Cangelosi contributed three aces in the loss.

Two days later, the Mules opened competition at the MIT Invitational. Their first match was against Wesleyan (Conn.), and their second opponent was Bowdoin. Muhlenberg was swept by both teams, and they headed in the Bronze Bracket. Sophomore Liz Dean led the way for the Mules in kills with eight against Wesleyan while senior Jess Anselmi topped the team with eight of her own against Bowdoin.

Sat., Sept. 22 the team moved into the Bronze Bracket to take on Endicott and Emmanuel, looking to snap their seven-match losing streak. However, it would not come against Endicott, as they once again were swept in three games. Anselmi had 16 assists and Dean had 13. Again, Eiser led her team in assists with an impressive 33, and junior Ally Ivaniski recorded four blocks.

Finally, against Emmanuel, the Mules were able to shake off that clingy losing streak, snapping it in a decisive 3-0 win. Young had 18 digs, and Lee hit 6 aces. The elusive 100th career win for coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman was finally reached, and Anselmi hit a milestone of her own. In the four matches at

MIT, she contributed 41 kills, making 597 total for her career. Anselmi has found a spot in the top ten in Muhlenberg history for kills.

On Wed., Sept. 26, the team fell to Haverford, losing in three games. However, they managed to rebound during Homecoming Weekend, splitting their two matches versus Dickinson and Widener. The Mules were unable to defeat Dickinson, losing in five games, but they came back versus Widener, winning 3-1. The Mules recorded an impressive 121 digs in the four-game match, with Cangelosi contributing 30 and Young, 26. Dean had 15 kills, and Eiser notched 44 assists.



Sophomore Phylcia Lee lead the Mules in kills with six against Johns Hopkins.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE MUHLENBERG WEBSITE

Chorney stands out, finishing second, at Paul Short Run

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

At the Paul Short Run hosted by Lehigh this past Friday, the Muhlenberg Cross Country Team once again topped previous team bests.

Junior runner David Chorney highlighted the race for the Mules, finishing second out of a total 270 competitors. He matched the best performance in Muhlenberg's history at this race.

The lone runner crossing the finish line ahead of Chorney was from West Chester. Chorney was accompanied by teammate Timothy Van Syckle, '09, in the top ten finishers, with Van Syckle coming in seventh place overall. The Men's Team as a whole finished in fourth place, behind teams from Dickinson, Bloomsburg, and Johns Hopkins.

The Women's Team had a strong showing as well, coming in eleventh place. Senior Sara Gearin placed 16th out of 240 total runners. Behind her, in 38th place, came freshman Abby Simons.

Next up for the Mules is the DeSales Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 13.

A true killer

Mule profile: Jess Anselmi

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For someone who had been concentrating on collegiate softball all of her life, it's not in the wrong to wonder how senior Jess Anselmi ended up playing volleyball at Muhlenberg.

"When I entered high school, I'd been playing softball all my life and I knew I wanted to try a new sport in the fall," Anselmi recollected. But, as she would later realize, her new fall sport would become much more important to her than she had first thought. "One of my middle school teachers was the high school varsity volleyball coach, and she always tried to convince all the tall girls to try out. That got me interested. I made a good choice!"

Good choice, indeed. Since that decision, Anselmi has secured a position on the Hockomock League All-Star Team, has received Second Team All-State honors, has earned three varsity letters at Muhlenberg and currently holds the tenth spot on the list of all-time career kills. "A kill in volleyball is when you spike the ball and the other team's defense can't return it," she added for those of us who are new to the sport.

Most of her life had been geared towards college softball, but as is the case with many athletes, Anselmi knew that she wanted something more. "I always thought I wanted to play serious college softball growing up and I was well on my way to doing that throughout high school," she said. "Eventually though, I burned out from summer after summer of intense tournament leagues, and volleyball was new and different since I had never played before high school."

"I kept getting better, faster, which was exciting since I had kind of maxed out with softball." It was perhaps this feeling of confidence that gave her the edge she needed to begin taking volleyball seriously – at least, more serious than simply playing at a high school level. "Around my junior year [of high school] I really decided to focus on volleyball," she said. "I played for a local club team, MetroWest Juniors, for 3 years, where I competed with great players from all over the state; my setter was named Gatorade Player of the Year for all of Massachusetts. Most of my club teammates went on to play volleyball in college, some at some really good programs, and I've even played against a couple of them here."

By here, she means at Muhlenberg, the place at which she has been happiest playing, the place where she gets to start at her favorite position: outside hitter.

"I absolutely love my position. I'm an outside hitter, which means it's my job to hit the ball as hard as I can and/or place it as strategically as I can over the net so that the other team can't return the ball," she explained. "A hitter is the last person to touch the ball on your side of the court; a person passes the ball to the setter, who then sets the ball to me. It's a huge responsibility being the last person to send the ball over the net."

With 597 career kills so far, Anselmi obviously takes that responsibility very seriously. Her success is a reflection of how she so desperately wants the team to be victorious. "But," she said, "It also just shows how much of a team sport volleyball is. A hitter can't do her job if the first two

touches are bad."

Of course, no team sport exists without a solid backbone of teammates, who, Anselmi insists, have made her successful. "The girls on the team are now some of my best friends and it's been the same in the past; I still keep in touch with recent teammates who've graduated. I can't imagine my college experience without them."

"Volleyball is such a fast-paced, fun sport," she raved. "Our coach always says volleyball is 'a game of errors' and it couldn't be more true; the nature of the game is that the team who makes the least errors wins. I personally love volleyball because there's no better feeling than getting a good kill." She then added, jokingly, "...which as I say this out loud sounds kind of morbid."

Moments that she has shared with her team have been some of the best in her life, she said. "I love team trips, like the one we took to Texas – it was great. That's where our coach is from, so we went line dancing, saw the Alamo, and went to this really authentic barbecue restaurant where the meals were literally just chunks of barbecued meat, true Texan style."

But aside from volleyball, Anselmi lives a very academically-rich life at the 'Berg: she is pursuing a Business Administration major with a concentration in Marketing, as well as minors in both Spanish and Political Science. Last spring, she studied abroad in Spain.

The life of a traveler seems to have enraptured her. "I studied abroad in Sevilla last spring and it was the best experience of my life," she said. "I traveled all through Spain and went to Portugal, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, France, and Morocco. Morocco was my favorite trip by far; we rode camels through the Sahara desert and slept in tents. Seriously, it was unbelievable."

With this kind of background, Anselmi clearly has a lot going for her; but, what does she want to do after she graduates? She has already started by opening a lot of doors for herself. "I am probably the best and worst person to ask this question to. I like too many things and I can't pick just one!" she exclaimed.

On a serious note, though, she took the time to contemplate her future. "After graduation, I plan on working for a year or two in the business world, either in Boston, where I'm from, or New York, to help me decide what career path I want to take and if I want to go back to school. I have been seriously contemplating going to law school but I'm not sure yet. Before any of that though, I hope to spend the few months directly after graduation traveling parts of Europe I didn't get to see while abroad."

Spanish seems to be something Anselmi loves. "On campus, I'm in the DANA program, Cardinal Key, and I'm a tour guide, but my favorite activity is one I just started this semester. I'm a volunteer in an ESL (English as a Second Language) class in Allentown and I love it," she said. "I feel like I'm making a major contribution to the community while practicing my Spanish as well. I have students from Russia, Vietnam, and every Latin American country that you can think of. It's such an awesome experience and I wish I started doing it sooner!"

Anselmi certainly has her work cut out, but right now, she's concentrating mostly on her final

volleyball season with the Mules. She hopes that her last year will be the best. "We started off the season really well and full of promise," she said. "We have a young team, half of it is sophomores, and we beat some really good teams like Susquehanna early on. We've been struggling in the Conference but have faced some of the better teams and still have time to turn it around and finish .500 or better."

"I was really hoping to make it to the Conference Championships which will be difficult now but may be possible if we can finish 6-4 in the Conference. That would be the furthest the team's gone since I've been here. That's what I hope to accomplish."

Her spot on the team will be a hard one to fill. But, for whoever is able to step up to the plate, Anselmi would like to give some advice. "Earlier on in my career here, I felt a lot of pressure on the volleyball court. While I still feel a huge sense of responsibility to myself, my coach and my teammates, I've definitely felt a change in myself the last two seasons. I really enjoy just playing and working on something new everyday. My best advice would be: don't forget to have fun, since college ball unfortunately doesn't last forever."

And Anselmi would tell you that her four years as a Mule have been rewarding in more ways than one – yet the time certainly did fly by.



Jess Anselmi has been named to Muhlenberg Volleyball's top 10 list in career kills.

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Field Hockey goes 3-0 in CC

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

In 1975 at the 8-Nations Field Hockey Tournament at Molson Stadium in Montreal, Canada, the games were, for the first time, played on AstroTurf®. After this breakthrough, players began to accept turf as the preferred field hockey surface worldwide. Muhlenberg College has had its turf field since 1998.

But, last week on Tues., Sept. 25, the Mules Field Hockey team was forced to play on grass against Centennial Conference fiend Haverford College. Anyone who has ever tried to play field hockey on grass would tell you that the game is dramatically changed once you move off the turf. All of the dynamics are distorted – passing, dribbling, shooting, and even running becomes much more difficult, especially if you're not used to it.

However, the Mules proved that something tougher than grass would have to slow them down. They returned home that night with a 2-0 win, raising their Centennial Conference record to 2-0.

The first goal was scored by sophomore Nicki Notarianni midway through the first half, adding to her total of six goals for the season, which is the team's highest number of goals for a player so far this year. Early in the second half, senior

Jillian Duffy was able to score from close range to secure the decisive lead over Haverford.

Junior goalie Michelle Consiglio had her second shutout of the season, raising her to 2nd in the Centennial Conference for save percentage. The Mules outshot their opponents 20-8.

The team's Homecoming game on Fri., Sept. 28 against Dickinson College saw similar results, although the team had a rocky beginning.

Dickinson took two shots early during the first half of the game, scoring on one of them. However, those two shots were the only ones the Devils would take for the rest of the game. After a quick time-out, the Mules pulled themselves together and began to score mercilessly.

Senior Kelly Shetron scored two goals, recording her second game in which she scored two goals this season. Senior Lauren Rutt and sophomore Nicki Notarianni also scored decisive goals that catapulted the team to a winning position. Thanks to the team's obvious dedication to perfection, their Centennial Conference record is now 3-0, and the win was their 6th consecutive CC regular-sea-

son game dating back to last year.

Where most teams would find themselves in a mid-season lull, the Mules Field Hockey team is more animated than ever. Their next home game will be on Sat., Oct. 6 against McDaniel College.

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A tale of two tailbacks: Mules still undefeated

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," Dickens wrote, as he prepared one of his greatest works of all time in *A Tale of Two Cities*. I bet he didn't think it would ever apply to the game of football, as two fantastic tailbacks traded blows. Johns Hopkins was in the best of times first, especially when sophomore tailback Andrew Kase ran 57 yards for the touchdown, giving the Blue Jays their first lead of the game, 21-20. Two plays later, it was the worst of times for the Blue Jays, as junior tailback John DeLuca ran for 50 yards on two carries, including a 44-yard touchdown to get the lead back for good. Of course, the Mules were back in the best of times, considering that they were able to preserve the victory, and an undefeated season. However, not every part of this team was at its best.

Defensively, the Mules looked much weaker than in previous contests, as they let up a season-high 342 yards, and gave 140 yards to Kase on 24 carries. If not for the turnovers (4 interceptions and a fumble recovery), the game could have very easily been an upset

victory for Hopkins. Not only did the defense look suspect, but aside from big plays by DeLuca and an 86-yard pass from quarterback Eric Santagato and running-back Erik Snyder, the Mules offense only managed one score, and was the only long drive that the Mules offense could really muster. Even Special Teams struggled, as there was a fumbled punt return (the Mules recovered), shanked punts, a missed field goal and a blocked PAT.

Through all the negatives, there certainly were a few shining moments. Santagato continues to improve under pressure, throwing for 188 yards, and committing only one turnover, an interception on what looked like a miscommunication between him and a receiver. Junior Matt Rathbun had the play of the game, as he intercepted a Michael Murray pass, and rumbled 59 yards into the end zone. Rob Aitkens also had a magnificent game, collecting two interceptions and a fumble recovery. And of course, John DeLuca had his second game of 100-plus yards of the season, rushing for 131 yards on 28 carries.

The Mules will be at Juniata next week, at 1 P.M.



Senior linebacker Dustin Good goes for a sac in the first half. Good, along with the rest of the defense, held the Jays and took the win.



Sophomore Dan Aitkens picks off a pass in the second quarter; he also recorded a career-high 10 tackles and was responsible for 3 turnovers against Johns Hopkins.

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Student receives Leader of Hope award

By Caitlin Bandfield
COPY EDITOR

Allie Schnall '08 has double the reason to celebrate. The President of the Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) since November of 2005, Schnall was recently presented with two awards as a result of her involvement with this club.

Schnall received an Honorable Mention (2nd Place) for Volunteer of the Year out of the entire national CAC organization quite an achievement considering that there are 350 chapters throughout the entire United States.

The second honor, the Leader of Hope Award, was presented to the CAC club here of the College in recognition of their chapter's accomplishments in cancer awareness, due in part to Schnall's involvement. Only 20 chapters out of the national 350 are presented with the Leader of Hope award, making this a great honor for the College's CAC.

The Leader of Hope Award identifies the clubs that have met

certain nationwide criteria, including having conference calls with national CAC members and carrying out the association's four main pillars. According to Schnall, these pillars are advocacy, survivorship, Mission Delivery (dedicated to cancer education and awareness) and Relay for Life.

CAC has been a big part of Schnall's life since she joined the club as a second-semester first year student. In 2005, Amy Bornholdt '06 and Tracy Yusko '08 started the group in an effort to raise awareness.

One of the biggest tasks taken on by CAC is the school's annual Relay for Life. The event at the College is a 12-hour walk (traditionally 24 hours) that not only serves as a huge fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, but also celebrates survivorship and remembers those who have lost the fight against cancer.

When Schnall found out that the

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Overcoming the Chew Street barrier

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

"Occupied Territories", a new lecture series that has recently been implemented on campus, aims to link the sciences and arts together into a unified, coherent and interdisciplinary theme.

This program was created for the new academic year by Jeremy Teissere, Assistant Professor of Biology and Neuroscience and Director of the Neuroscience program, Amze Emmons, Assistant Professor of Art and Holly Cate, Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre.

Their aim was to join forces and create a program that encompassed all of their disciplines. The program is being funded by the Office of the Provost, the Lectures and Forums Committee and several academic

departments.

Teissere believes that making connections between the arts and sciences is extremely important for academic growth and inspiration. He explains, "I see this program as an opportunity to engage in deep conversation, to get artists and scientists to talk to each other about how they create their work, how they mutually inspire each other, how art is represented in science, and science is represented in art."

He also explains how science and art are actually sister disciplines. He said, "although their specific methods may be different, both fields get to create and describe new truths."

Hopefully this program will help the campus community to

The College has very strong programs in both the arts and sciences but often these departments are alienated from each other.

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In-line or online?

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Students will be pleased to know that the College's plan for online registration is on schedule as planned. There was a meeting that took place on Fri., Oct. 5 to discuss the system, the test that was held in August and the pilot that will be taking place this semester with both students and faculty. John Wardenski, President and CEO of National College Management Systems, and former Director of OIT at the College, presented the new system at the meeting on Friday.

The process of developing the College's online system

began in November 2005, and the first official meeting took place on December 8, 2005. So, while it has been a long process of designing and setting up the system, administrators anticipate that the pilot next month will be a success. Everyone wants the online registration process to be as easy as possible, but to make sure that this happens, the entire process of registering for classes had to be closely analyzed.

Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life and Assistant Professor of Humanities, said she has sincere respect for the dedication and effort that OIT has put into transferring reg-

istration from paper to computer. Harry Miller, Director of OIT, explained that the online system being used by the College was customized for the College, and is not a pre-designed program. The online process is a work in progress, and while all of the best thoughts that were put forth have been implemented into the system, it is most likely that changes will be taking place right up to Spring registration and afterwards as well.

Even though online registration will be taking out a lot of the person-to-person interaction that takes place

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Starting this Spring, students will no longer have to wait in the long lines that occur during class registration.

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The d word

We've started to notice that there's not much going on around campus this semester. Other than the usual hookah hoopla, there's really nothing to cover at the 'Berg. While people love reading about others who are in trouble, we do not enjoy writing about such events. Maybe we've been making news about nothing, and maybe President Helm apologizes that there's not much going on around campus for us to cover, but we've been resourceful and we're still getting the job done.

Make something happen people! We're not saying go get yourself incarcerated or set off a fire alarm due to cooking on the stove. Be a leader. This is the time to do something and make an impression. If you want to see more food options, talk to dining services. If you want to raise money for a special cause, organize an event! A fun one at that!

We applaud those who take the initiative. Although there are very apathetic students on this campus, there are those few who use their time at the College to do something, anything, worthwhile. We applaud students who stand out and step up. Even if there's nothing to feel passionate about, and we hope there is at least one thing that gets you going, it's important to take this time to get involved and perhaps find that thing that makes you come alive.

Maybe there's so little to report on because students aren't taking enough action. Perhaps it's because everyone is just burnt out. Fall break is a little later on the calendar this year, and it's starting to become apparent. Students run around campus printing out those 5 page papers right before class or scramble in the library to find that lonely cubicle that will become their home for the next 6 hours. Some spend their nights drinking and their mornings in bed, hungover.

There's just so much to get accomplished. Wouldn't it be nice if there was one more hour in a day to sleep/work/get coffee/have a life? Maybe everyone is too busy to take action and do something. We wonder how some students find the time to create change, get involved and become a force to be reckoned with when they have just as much to do as every other student.

We think it has a little something to do with one simple word: Dedication.

To the Editor:

It was my great pleasure to head a team--the Muhlenberg Gusto--in the recent Step Out against Domestic Violence event, held to support the fine work of Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley.

What an impressive Muhlenberg showing--seven teams in all! The Gusto team was comprised of members of APO and the director and assistant director of Community Service and Civic Engagement. Other walkers and runners were Muhlenberg athletes (Men's Baseball and Women's Lacrosse); Greeks (Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Tau Delta, and Phi Mu); and a service organization (S.H.A.R.E.). The baseball team came in first for most money raised (\$4,400) and Gusto won for the third highest amount (\$2,686).

Whenever someone outside the College asks about the character of our place, I cite as one vital aspect the ethos of service. Indeed, every day Muhlenberg students, faculty and staff are engaged in making the world better, whether it's picking up a hammer for a Habitat for Humanity house, tutoring an inner city resident in English, counseling AIDS patients or running in an event like Step Out. Thanks to all who ran or walked, to all who donated to this year's Step Out, to all who serve every day.

Carol Shiner Wilson
Dean of the College for Academic Life

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to *The Weekly* editorial regarding Muhlenberg's most overrated and underrated people, places and things. Some students utilizing Career Center services may not realize the connection between the programs and their future career success.

The Career Center is eager to teach students to maximize a variety of job and internship search strategies, and we provide the events and resources to do so. The programs and services offered meet the needs of students at all phases of their career development and enhance a student's ability to be successful. For example, if you have used any of the services below, you have been helped in your job/internship search: Resume, cover letter or personal statement critiques; Networking contacts through our alumni database, alumni and guest speakers on career-related topics, Muhlenberg Shadow Program (visit alumni over winter break), Summer Jobs and Internships Workshops, mock interviews with a Career Counselor, job and internship fairs, links to over 40 job and internship databases (some require us to purchase a subscription) or job search advice at a counseling appointment then you have been helped by the Career Center.

In addition, the statement in the editorial about Career Connections is inaccurate. All students have always had an account. What is it? It is simply our database of students, jobs and internships (over 1300 internships!) and Career Center events. Go to www.muhlenberg.edu/careercenter, click the Career Connections logo, and then follow the login instructions. Most colleges use a similar system. When we meet a student we may ask if his/her account has been updated lately (or ever).

Having students' career interests recorded in Career Connections along with their preferred email addresses allows us to communicate with them regarding programs, services, or employers of interest. Whether or not you have used your account, we are happy to help you!

Kellie Provost-Brown
Director, The Career Center

To the Editor:

First of all, I want to thank Ms. Koop for her last *Love and Life* article. I love the advice that she gave: the wonders and benefits of swallowing and unprotected sex. Who knew semen was such an elixir of life? However, she forgot to mention that swallowing also helps stimulate the brain for taking tests, making it even possible to pass Dr. Benjamin's hardest computer science exams. Ingesting semen can even give you eternal youth and the power of flight during the harvest moon!

All jokes aside, there is a growing field of *real* science surrounding sexual intercourse. Humans have always been wondering about sex -- why it feels good and what sex brings to us. Some of these answers seem obvious today, while others still remain a mystery. What we do know are the outcomes of sexual intercourse without a condom. We all have heard the great spiels about safe sex and the use of condoms. We all have seen that awkward teacher putting the condom on the equally awkward banana. But what are these things good for? More importantly, why are those people in the GSA constantly handing them out?

Well the GSA has the right idea in promoting the use of condoms, unlike Ms. Koop, who inadvertently promoted sexual intercourse without a condom in her sex column article. Condoms protect sexually active individuals from over 30 STDs, many of which are carried by unaware sexually active adults and teenagers. Since over 25% of sexually active teenagers carry an STD (U.S. Dep. Of Health, 2005 Annual Report), it is extremely important to practice safe sex, especially in the campus environment. The Dept. Of Health has estimated that over 5 million Americans will contract an STD this year -- 85% of them do not show symptoms. This threat alone should be reason enough to always use a condom during any type of sexual intercourse. It is also of the utmost importance to recognize the term *always*. Unlike your new girlfriend, an STD is blind to how many times you have had sex in the past. New studies have shown that teenage girls have a 46% chance of contracting HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) from their first sexual encounter.

To spare you some time (with which you could be having safe sex), I won't even get into how condoms protect against pregnancy, an increasing occurrence on American campuses. So what have we learned today? Rather than hoping that ingested semen can give you the superpowers to save the world, you have the power to save yourself by always wearing a condom.

Alex Breiding, Class of 2011

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Be smart and protect yourself

Clinton/Obama Ticket



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Rudy Guiliani recently suggested that the Democrats would run Hillary Clinton as their Presidential candidate, with Barack Obama pairing with her as Vice President. The idea may not be that far fetched, and also may not be a bad strategy for the Democratic Party.

Clinton is pulling away from Obama and John Edwards in the

Democratic primary race. Her political pedigree is proving too much for the youthful and energetic Obama to overcome. Edwards has remained in a distant third for most of the race and doesn't figure to seriously contend with Clinton. Every day Clinton is looking more like the front runner and it is becoming all the more likely that the Democrats will trust their nomination to the Clinton family one more time.

Not winning the Democratic nomination shouldn't discourage Obama from pairing with Clinton. He still remains one of the most talented and intelligent politicians in the Democratic Party. His talent as an orator is unmatched and his ability to accomplish so much at a young age has been impressive. The main challenge facing Obama is his lack of experience in serving the federal government. He can alleviate this issue if he is elected as the Vice President of the United States. If the Democratic Party happens to win the election, Obama would be setting himself up nicely

for a Presidential nomination when he is older and more experienced.

A Clinton/Obama ticket would certainly offer a break from the norm in Washington D.C. A woman and African-American ticket would be a pair of

firsts. Yet ignoring the obvious obstacles due to gender and race, Clinton and Obama provide a good combination of skills and ideas.

Clinton is associated with the success of her husband in office and provides valuable experience to the ticket. Obama provides a fresh face that has excited many people about political change in this country. They could be a formidable challenge to either Mitt Romney or Rudy Guiliani.

In all likelihood, Hillary Clinton will be the Democratic candidate for President. Obama has displayed impressive fund-raising skills and has put together a productive campaign for such a young candidate.

Yet, his lack of experience will likely prevent him from receiving the nomination. It could be in the best interests to the success of both individuals to pair their unique backgrounds and skills together on the Democratic ticket. The Republicans

will have a tough time combating a Clinton/Obama ticket. They remain a divided party, which hasn't seen a frontrunner rise from the pack of candidates.

Contending with the two best individuals that the Democratic Party has to offer may be too much to handle for a Republican Party that is in a transitional period.

The Democrats cannot afford to blow another winnable election, as they did in 2004. It is time to put their two best candidates forward, unified on the same ticket. If they succeed in 2008, they could be laying the groundwork for multiple terms of success by maintaining a Vice President with the ambition and talent to hold the highest office in our government.

It is time to put their two best candidates forward, unified on the same ticket.

Where were the Republican candidates?

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

A racially awkward situation with Republican presidential candidates involved? Why am I not surprised?

This all started two weeks ago when the four leading Republican candidates for the Presidential nomination skipped a minorities' issues debate at the historically black Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD. The four candidates that did not show up were Rudy Giuliani, Fred Thompson, John McCain and Mitt Romney. The four candidates' camps publicly cited scheduling conflicts, as well as suggested that the audience present at the debate would be hostile and unreceptive to the debates as reasons for their collective absences.

The debate at Morgan State University was aired live on PBS and consisted of journalists questioning the candidates on minority issues such as illegal immigration, unemployment policy, criminal justice and the war in Iraq. The live debate also included the embarrassingly empty podiums where the missing candidates had been expected to

stand. As a result of the leading candidates' absences, the second-tier candidates had a chance to show off their platforms, which for one of the candidates, Ron Paul of Texas, included the importance of ending the war on drugs. Please remember that these are second-tier candidates. Apparently the war on drugs and the war on terrorism are now interchangeable.

Unfortunately, the four candidates' bout of hooky not only included groups whose votes they want to win, but groups that they already have the support of. Last month the same four candidates did not show at a debate hosted by Evangelical Christians. Embarrassingly enough, the debate also aired on television, and not only featured the empty podiums but also questions directed at the candidates who weren't there.

In contrast, the Democratic presidential candidates took part in a similar style debate to the one at Morgan State University earlier this summer at Howard State University.

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All who were scheduled to attend, showed up.

In response to the actions of the four Republican candidates, former Speaker of the House and potential Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich criticized the four candidates and said that their actions will end up being a mistake.

For once in my life I find myself agreeing with Gingrich. Why would these four frontrunners shoot themselves in the foot and be so disrespectful to the Black community? Do they not want to gain the support of a new demographic of voters that could be potentially key to the 2008 election?

With the Republican Party already in trouble because of their division

over key issues such as universal health care and the war in Iraq, shouldn't these candidates be doing everything in their power to unify their party and not embarrass themselves further?

It will definitely be interesting to track the effects of the Republicans' snub on the minority community and their votes in the future. As one of my professors said freshman year, showing up to anything is half the battle, and once you've got that covered you then have to at least fake that you're interested in being there.

I think the four Republican presidential candidates need to be reminded that if they don't show up for these debates to show their platforms, then the public can't vote for them because they won't know what they stand for.

Textual Hypocrisy

By Pat Fligge
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

With the recent sexual hypocrisy occurring in the U.S. Senate I decided to examine my own life to see what hypocrisy I could uncover. Instead of sexual hypocrisy, I found textual hypocrisy.

Last year Muhlenberg College implemented an emergency text message alert system. If you haven't already signed up for this service you can easily do so by typing the word "start" into any computer on the Muhlenberg network to bring up the message board.

Once there, click "alert me" in the upper right hand corner and follow steps to

activate the free service on your phone.

This is a system that was put in place to notify anyone in the Muhlenberg College community of an emergency by way of text

*How are we to know
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message, which brings me to my point: most professors ask their students to turn off their cell phones in class.

How are we to know if an emergency has occurred if we are shut off from the brand new system? True, the

campus has begun installing emergency phones in some of the classrooms, but texts are still the most efficient way of getting the alert out to the campus community.

In light of these conflicting policies, I ask professors to be a bit more understanding if students decide to leave their cell phones on in class.

While most of us leave our phones on already (and some professors do, as well), at least now we do so in part for a very legitimate reason.

So please try to just ignore that ring, beep or "Lion King" theme song that signifies a text message. It might be an actual emergency.

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when currently going through the process of class registration, the academic advising relationship between advisor and advisee will see no changes taking place. Students still must meet one-on-one with their advisors before being able to register online; failing to do so will result in not being able to register for classes at all.

In addition to this, it is also not guaranteed that students will get all of the classes they want when they want them with the new registration process. There will still be given time slots that students can log into Capstone to register, just as we now have time slots to go down to the Registrar. Deborah Tamte-Horan, Registrar, said that the first time through may be "bumpy", but that everyone is optimistic about the first official run through. The Registrar is attempting to have as many venues as possible where students can seek help on using the new system, including an FAQ sheet that is already on the Registrar's website.

While the 66 students and 10 faculty members participating in November's pilot program will be receiving official training on use of the new system before using it, the Registrar has not yet decided how or when they would train the rest of the students and faculty on campus. Training for those who want or need it would need to provide a computer for all those being trained in order to see the most efficient results. Any suggestions on the matter are encouraged to be submitted.

Dr. Connie Wolfe, Associate Professor of Psychology, said about her experience with testing the sys-

tem in August, "The program was intuitive and easy to use. Once students and faculty learn the system, I think both will be happy with the features. As long as students understand that meeting with their academic advisors is still an important part of the process, and as long as everyone is patient with any bumpiness that occurs as the system gets up and running, I think it will be a great success. The Registrar's office, in particular, has worked very hard over the last two years to create this system and we owe them a big thank you!"

Some important information to know before next semester is that you must know your Capstone password in order to register, and it is highly advised to make sure of this well in advance of registration. Also, when going to your advisor, you must go to the advisor that is on record for you, since the computer will not accept any one else as being your advisor.

In addition to these preparation tips, it is important that students take care of knowing whether any of their classes have pre-requisites or co-requisites, need signatures in order to be enrolled, have any time conflicts or if any of their chosen classes have been closed out yet. Finally, if a student has any financial obligations to be taken care of, he or she will not be able to register once logging into Capstone. This includes unpaid parking tickets.

The online registration process will not be mandatory of all students in the Spring, it is just the first time that all students will have the opportunity to do so. The Registrar will still be open for students to come to for registration.

Pointing seniors in the right direction

By Ally Margolis
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

This year President Helm has decided to add a new program called the Senior Year Experience to its task force. The program will be directed by Julie Ambrose. Ambrose got her start in higher education at Villanova University, where she received her Bachelor's degree.

She then attended the College of Westchester where she received her Masters in counseling for higher education. She worked at North Hampton Community College, servicing adult students, and later at Delaware Valley College. Ambrose came to the College to work as the Associate Director of Career Development, as well as the Interim Director of the Career Center.

With the experience achieved from such prior work experience, Ambrose seemed fully equipped to take over this newly designed position. She believes her job provides, "An opportunity to create something that will really benefit students."

The Senior Year Experience has been designed in order to help seniors transition out of college and into the real world. It will create opportunities for students to reflect on what the College means to them. The program addresses two main concerns: What do seniors need and how can those services be provided? When going out into the job world for the

first time, many new questions come about: How do I rent an apartment? How do I relocate to a new city? How do I find a roommate? This program has been convened in order to answer such questions.

The College is one of the first colleges to get such a program going. President Helm has decided that instituting a program like the Senior Year Experience is vital to supporting seniors while they are still students, as well as in their future. Ambrose praises the President's choice to hire her, seeing as he is "giving them [seniors] as much support when they transition out of Muhlenberg as they had when they were first year students."

Ambrose's main role in the Senior Year Experience is to bridge together the jobs of the Career Center, the Office of Alumni Relations and student life in order to make those departments' opportunities more visible.

The Senior Year Experience hopes to add new programs as well. Currently, Ambrose is working on a mentor program as well as a website. Students are welcome to participate by becoming mentors or mentees, as well as website constructors or designers. Student input is highly emphasized amongst all areas of the Experience. Ambrose encourages students to stop in and get involved by coming up with ideas and activities.

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club needed a chair for Relay for Life, she was more than happy to step in. As someone who had participated in Relay for Life in high school, Schnall says that she enjoys public relations and event planning and was excited to be a part of the process again.

She also had a personal reason for joining the club and signing up for Relay for Life. "My mom was diagnosed with breast cancer when I was in high school," Schnall said. "Getting involved with Colleges Against Cancer was a way for me to turn that experience into action and to do something about it."

In addition to helping organize Relay for Life on campus and serving as chair since 2005 (along with co-chair and Vice President Alex Corgan '08, who signed on in 2006), Schnall's

continuous involvement in many other Colleges Against Cancer activities has made both of her awards ones that were well deserved.

Throughout the past several years Colleges Against Cancer has gone from ten to about 50 members, helping bring survivors from the community to speak at the College. The organization has also worked with different groups on campus to collaborate on cancer awareness, among other things.

Excited and honored after receiving the awards, Schnall is looking ahead to Relay for Life in the spring, and notes that registration for it is now open at www.events.cancer.org/rflpamuhlenbergcollege. Schnall said, "Relay for Life is a big event for Muhlenberg, and I'm happy it's become such a social event. It's a fun day that ultimately helps to raise awareness for something that affects everyone."

*Only 20 chapters out
of the national 350
are presented with
the Leader of Hope
Award*



Allie Schnall '08 (left), along with Alex Corgan '08 (right) at College's Against Cancer's biggest fundraiser: Relay for Life.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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TERRITORIES

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realize the similarities between these disciplines. The College has very strong programs in both the arts and sciences but often these departments are alienated from each other. Teissere hopes to repair this




Teissere believes that making connections between the arts and sciences is extremely important for academic growth and inspiration.

separation through the "Occupied Territories" program.

He emphasizes the importance of making interdisciplinary connections that push students outside of their comfort zones and engage them in conversation with people outside of their specific disciplines.

He hopes that this program will encourage students to look at their disciplines with a new perspective that helps them to learn more about their own practice. The next lecture is scheduled for Wed., Oct. 17.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 55 Low: 40	High: 60 Low: 41	High: 64 Low: 42

Council Corner

Get weekly news about what your
Student Council is doing for you!

This Week's News:

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Class of 2011!

President: Jason Kirschenbaum
Vice President: Hannah Mesouani
Treasurer: Kelly McLaughlin
Secretary: Amanda Palmer

Representatives:

Rachel Berger, David Cooper, Jana Elfenbein, Genna Goldner, Will LaPlant, Liz Martini, Joel Reitz

Student Council would like to thank all of the club and organization leaders for attending the Leadership Dinner on Wednesday Night! It was a great success!

Student Council Regular Meetings are at 7pm every Thursday in the 3rd floor Haas conference room.

This Semester's Student Body Meetings*:

October 30, 2007
November 27, 2007

*All of the meetings will start at 8 p.m., location TBA

Student Council wishes everyone a happy and safe Fall Break!

Campus Safety Committee encourages you to ride your bike at school and help with the parking problem, while staying environment friendly!

Can You Feel It?

PULSE

October 19, 2007
10 pm- 2am
Red Door

Clean and green

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

This past Saturday the class of 2009 hosted a community service event called "Clean and Green". The class wanted to hold an event that would involve and effect both the College and Allentown communities, and decided that the best place for this would be at the Rose Garden in Cedar Beach.

There was a 90 person turnout on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Supporting groups from the College included EnAct, the Biology Club, Alpha Phi Omega, and Phi Sigma Sigma. The participants broke up into smaller groups and collected nine full bags of trash within two hours.

Adrian Shanker '09 said that it was a fun and worthwhile event. He also said that this event was very unique because class events usually include fundraisers and social events such as barbecues.

There are not currently any other community service projects that the class of 2009 has scheduled yet, but

they would like to see the Clean and Green event become an annual or every semester event that is campus wide, and not just class sponsored. Saturday was used as a pilot for this kind of event, and the results proved to be very positive. There was no cost in organizing the event and everyone had the satisfaction of coming together to help the community in which they live.

The Allentown Recycling Center supplied all of the equipment necessary for the group to pick up garbage including, brooms, dust bins, gloves, utensils with which to pick up the garbage, and garbage bags. This event is another reminder of how the College has been making more and more efforts as a community to help both the community and the environment.

Events such as this need all the support that they can get from students at the College, and the more participation events receive, the more events there will be to improve the College and its community.



Members from organizations throughout the College came together on Sat., Oct. 6 to help clean up the Allentown community.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY SARA SANSOSTI

'Berg gets brewing

By Alex Ripkin
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Opened just three months ago is a restaurant that provides its diners with a wide selection of food and a unique downtown atmosphere. Because Allentown Brew Works has become so popular already, the College is making it easier for students to get there.

Located in downtown Allentown, the Allentown Brew Works, a combined restaurant and brewery is proud to have opened its doors to the public. Now, thanks to the staff of the College, a shuttle is provided for students every other Thursday. Since Steve "Shuttle Steve" Goosley, Coordinator of Transportation, takes his break on Thursdays, this separate shuttle will take students there and back to

the College at zero cost.

Students must show their school ID at the shuttle doors. Students under the age of 21 might ask, "What am I going to do at a brewery?" Well, the answer is that this new bi-weekly

Everyone can take advantage of this free ride to the Allentown Brew Works.

event promotes casual non-alcohol dining for all students.

Everyone can take advantage of this free ride to The Allentown Brew Works. It's an easy way to take a break from the stress of school or the repetitive choices of food at Seeger's and realize again what true All-American cuisine really tastes like. Not only will

students have the opportunity to consume great food at very reasonable prices, but they will be paying 10% less.

The Brew Works has offered a 10% discount on all food items on the menu with simply a viewing of students' ID.

The Thursday shuttle service was initiated for the sole reason that this new restaurant would be a place for young college students to relax and have a good time.

The restaurant provides a live DJ every Thursday night along with other entertainment continuing into the weekend.

There are also contests for prizes that have previously included an iPod Nano. Local bands perform at the Brew Works constantly and art displays are also huge attractions for local students and city residents.

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Eco-friendly cleaning chemicals including dish detergent.

100% recycled napkins in dispensers to reduce waste.

Save a cup - Refill your travel mug or nalgene bottle.

Active member of the Greening Committee on campus.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 2 - Suspicious Vehicle - A dark green Honda was spotted three or four times driving around campus. Campus Safety was not able to apprehend the vehicle.

Oct. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was activated in Walz Hall by the dry sprinkler system in the attic.

Oct. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn at 2442 Tilghman Street.

Oct. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was activated at the Phi Kappa Tau House by an unknown source.

Oct. 4 - Unauthorized Person - A panhandler was found on campus asking

students for money. He will receive a Letter of Trespass.

Oct. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to cooking at 419 Leh Street.

Oct. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off by an unknown source at 2147 Chew Street.

Oct. 5 - Theft - A table was stolen from the front lawn of Taylor Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 6 - Liquor Law - A neighbor called about noise coming from 318 Albright Street. When Campus Safety arrived they found an underage individual in possession of alcohol. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 7 - Vandalism - A box was set on fire outside of Prosser Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 7 - Trespassing - Two males on bikes were hanging out in the parking lot outside of Trexler Library. They both will receive Letters of Trespass.

Oct. 7 - Institutional Vandalism - Posters were torn down and scattered throughout academic row.

Oct. 7 - Suspicious Person - A disoriented individual was found loitering outside of the Campus Safety Office. He did not appear to know where he was or what he was doing. Campus Safety called the Allentown Police and they dealt with the matter.

Oct. 7 - Injured Student - A student injured her knee at Hawk Mountain. She was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to cooking on the fourth floor of Robertson Hall.

Oct. 8 - Sick Student - A sick student was found on the first floor of Brown Hall. The student was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 8 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - A vehicle was found with scratch marks on the hood in the faculty/staff parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 8 - Theft - A textbook was stolen from the quad outside of Martin Luther Hall. The textbook was then

discovered in the Book Store. Campus Safety is now working on identifying the individual who sold the book back to the store.

Oct. 8 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - A car in the Trexler Library parking lot had damage to its front windshield. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 8 - Injured Student - A student injured his ankle in the Life Sports Center. He was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 8 - Trespassing - A student living in the Tremont Apartments had a visitor who had been given a Letter of Trespass from the campus. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."

- Benjamin Franklin

Seniors celebrate at pub night



Thurs., Oct. 4, the Senior Class had their first senior pub night. It took place at the new Allentown Brew Works, in the downstairs Silk Lounge. The evening kicked off when shuttle buses transported the students to center city from the Center of the Arts. The chic decor of the downstairs lounge made the night a classy affair. Not only was the lounge occupied, the first floor bar was also available for students to relax and socialize.

Compiled by Alex Mangini and Navah Meller

PULSE: Can you feel it?



The class of 2010 experimented last year with PULSE and never thought that it would be as big of a success as it actually was, but this year they plan to make it even better. PULSE is no ordinary school dance. It's a nightclub, complete with the lights, music, fog, and everything else that you would expect from a typical nightclub - even the ever-popular glowsticks. The Red Door is completely transformed, it undergoes a 9 hour transformation to become PULSE. Hundreds of dollars are spent in lighting and sound equipment rentals to truly make PULSE a one of a kind event here at the College. Last year, PULSE reached the maximum capacity of the room within the first hour and a half of the event, and the class of 2010 hopes to far surpass that this year. They have been planning the event since April, and they hope that the students of the College enjoy all the hard work they put into it.

Some key information:

Date: Fri., Oct. 19 from 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. in The Red Door.

\$5.00 Cover charge

\$1.00 non-alcoholic cocktails (orange creme and margarita)

Tickets are being sold in advance in Sengers Union every day until October 19.

COMPILED BY JAMIE SCHREIBER

Can there be friendship without sex?

By Erin Futrovsky
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNIST

The term "boy friend" has two different connotations. There is the ever-so-popular significant other, the guy you've been devoting all of your spare time to between classes, homework and having a life.

Then there's the friend that just happens to be a boy. You go out to dinner with him, and it's not a date. You go to the movies together, and it's not romantic. You even ask for advice on boy-related topics, and expect him to give you a truthful answer, you know, from a guy's perspective.

Now here's the kicker. I'm going to propose a not-so-novel idea to you. Guys and girls cannot be just friends. One is always going to be interested in the other, maybe not simultaneously, but it's going to happen.

There is one exception to this rule. If you are a girl, and your guy friend is gay, the possibility of attraction is decreased significantly. If you are a guy, and your girl friend is a lesbian, it may turn you

on, but the possibility of anything happening between you two is probably very low.

In 1989, Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan starred in a movie that completely supports this theory. *When Harry Met Sally*, introduces the age-old question of whether or not men and women can be in a purely platonic relationship, one that never has the potential to become either sexual or romantic.

Five years after meeting initially and losing touch, Harry and Sally, who are both in relationships, cross paths in an airport they are both in relationships. Harry suggests that he and Sally become friends, and he elaborates on his aforementioned "just friends" rule.

He says: "...They can't be friends...unless both of them are involved with other people. Then they can. This is an amendment to the earlier rule.

If the two people are in relationships, the pressure

of possible involvement is lifted."

But is this really true? Let's pretend you're a girl; if you are a girl, then you don't have to pretend. You've been dating this guy for a year and a half.

He has this best girl friend and whenever he's not with you, he's with her. He tells you there's obviously nothing going on between them because he loves you and they are "just friends."

If I were you, I would definitely not be buying this crap. Here's what I would be wondering: is there something missing from our relationship, and does he have to spend all his free time with her to get it? Is he secretly attracted to this girl, and is that why he called me her name when we were having sex last night?

Does it seem like every guy or girl you meet has "potential?" When you're getting to know someone of the opposite sex, what's the first thing that comes to mind?

I think of whether or

not I could possibly be interested in this person.

It's a little obnoxious and even superficial, but most of the time we won't be friends with a member of the opposite sex who we are not at least a little bit attracted to. It just doesn't happen.

The purpose of this article is not to make you reevaluate every boy/girl friendship you have. It's not to make you uncomfortable around your friends, and it's certainly not to make you second-guess the motives of your cross-sex friends. It's just to make you aware of this: 62% of people in cross-sex friendships reported sexual tension between them and their friend.

If you think you're attracted to your friend, you probably are. If you think your friend is attracted to you, they probably are. Don't ignore it, because it's not going to go away. It's the risk you take being friends with someone of the opposite sex.

Harry and Sally ended up married. How's that for irony? Think about it Muhlenberg.

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&
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?



"When girls put their hair in ponytails and pieces stick out."
-Lauren Montella '09



"When people interrupt my lunch to ask me a Question of the Week."
-Mark Wiseman '09



"Stupid people."
-Tim Martin '08



"When people are eating and they scrape their fork against their teeth."
-Pete Smith '10



"When people dress their pets like humans."
-Jessica Hertz '11

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



The Heartbreak Kid

Fri. 4:35, 7:35, 10:35
Sat. 4:35, 7:35, 10:35
Sun. 1:55, 4:55, 7:55

The Game Plan

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:20
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:20
Sun. 1:45, 4:45, 7:45

The Seeker: The Dark is Rising

Fri. 4:40, 9:55
Sat. 4:40, 9:55
Sun. 4:40, 9:55

We are the Night

Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Sat. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Sun. 1:30, 7:30

Good Luck Chuck

Fri. 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
Sat. 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
Sun. 2:15, 4:15, 7:15

Elizabeth: The Golden Age

Fri. 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
Sat. 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
Sun. 2:00, 4:00, 7:00

Michael Clayton

Fri. 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
Sun. 1:40, 4:40

The Kingdom

Fri. 5:00, 7:45, 10:45
Sat. 4:00, 7:45, 10:45
Sun. 2:10, 4:10, 7:10

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Despite vehemently denying it, Jennifer Lopez is reportedly expecting twins. The star, who has a distinct baby bump, will not discuss the matter, and has been seen wearing excessively baggy clothing while performing. Husband Marc Anthony's ex-wife, Dayanara Torres, was reported to have confirmed the rumors but released a statement claiming that she was misquoted.

She said, "I have neither confirmed, nor have first-hand knowledge of any pregnancy. I had been advised of pregnancy 'rumors' by my manager who wanted to make sure I was aware in case my children heard anything at school that I may need to address; so when I was approached by a reporter who stated as fact that my children were to have a new sibling soon, I assumed that this had been confirmed."

"My answer to him was that though they had no knowledge of a sibling, that I imagine that they will be incredibly happy. Marc, his family and I have a very respectful and mature relationship which we work

hard to conserve for the benefit of our children."

Halle Barry continues to discuss how much she loves being pregnant, telling *People Magazine*, "There is nothing bad about it. The morning sickness and the vomiting and the hot sweats. Nothing's been bad about it. I've loved every second of it!"

P. Diddy has claimed custody of his sixth child. Sarah Chapman, the child's mother, lives in Atlanta Ga.. Diddy made the statement, "At first, I wasn't sure if this was my child. Now that it has become clear she is, I will take care of her for the rest of her life."

Britney Spears Update:

Britney Spears has been the subject of controversy for some time now, yet people were still shocked when last week the singer missed her first visitation with her children since losing custody.

The singer blamed the missed visit on a faulty intercom system claiming that she never heard the children with the chaperone at the gate. Since then, Spears has managed to have one supervised visitation with the children.

Shockingly, Spears' mother and sister arrived in Los Angeles, and

have reunited with the singer with whom they had been estranged. Their arrival in California has sparked interest that they could be staging an intervention. More optimistically, Spears did pass her first drug test that is court ordered for her to be around her children.

Current Events:

Jeff Robinov, Warner Bros president of production, has caused an uproar in the film industry when he stated that he would no longer make any movies with women leads.

Lindsay Lohan has finally left her Utah rehab center, and upon release allowed *OK! Magazine* to document her leaving the center with her father, who has been in Utah with his no longer estranged daughter.

The actress also gave an interview to the magazine, as well as *Intouch Weekly*, causing many to speculate whether or not she will actually be able to leave behind her media fueled life.

The actress stated that she will be leaving Utah to film her movie, *Dare to Love*, but will return to Utah post filming to try to continue her recovery and stay out of Hollywood, and the temptations there. Lindsay said in her interview with *OK! Magazine*, "I hit rock bottom. Everything in

my life came to a point where I had to make a decision. It was a sobering experience. It made me look at myself and all the people, places and things in my life in a different way."

Pamela Anderson has married fiancé Rick Salomon in Las Vegas. Salomon is known as being the male lead in Paris Hilton's infamous video, *One Night in Paris*.

There has been talk in the celebrity world that Angelina Jolie and her father have begun the reconciliation process. Her father, Jon Voight, was seen leaving the Waldorf Astoria in New York City this week, the same hotel in which Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie were staying. It has been reported that just father and daughter met, and that he has not met his grandchildren.

Pictures of Prince Harry have surfaced of him snorting Vodka with friends, while on vacation in Namibia last year. The pictures have health officials reeling, as they have stated that doing such a thing can lead to death, as it is extremely dangerous getting alcohol into your lungs.

David Hasselhoff has relapsed, and is reported to be detoxing at Cedar Sinai Medical center.

The Heartbreak Kid

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

I have a confession to make. As a movie critic, I am supposed to enter a movie theatre without any preconceived notions of the film about to be reviewed. Like many of you, I have seen the trailers for *The Heartbreak Kid* on TV and I couldn't help myself from making judgments.

I started to come up with snappy one-liners to include in this article, describing how bad the film would be. One of my favorite creations was, "This movie is so bad, I wouldn't be surprised if it was pulled from theaters by the time this article comes out." After seeing this film, I realize that that line is incorrect in its description. It simply was a gross understatement of how heinous *Kid* is.

Ben Stiller, Michelle Monaghan and Malin Akerman, not star but,

fizzle in this extremely immature, gross and poorly written remake of the 1972 film of the same name with Charles Grodin.

Peter and Bobby Farrelly, the geniuses who brought us *There's Something About Mary*, co-direct here. Where *Mary* got away with murder (zipper and hair scenes), *Kid* attempts to get away with multiple suicides and fails worse each time.

Carlos Mencia gives a less-than stellar and mostly annoying supporting performance in his big screen debut. I would like to go off on a tangent and pose the question, what is with stand-up comedians, who have no acting experience, leaving their sector of comedy and trying to make it in movies?

Whether it's Dane Cook (Employee of the Month, Good Luck Chuck), Jon Stewart (Doogly, Death to Smoochy) or Mencia here, they must under-

stand that stand-up comedians acting in movies is like your parents hooking up...Sure, sometimes they may have the urge to do it, but that doesn't mean we have to watch it.

The only time during the movie when I could be found at the edge of my seat was when I sulked as I realized the movie was not going to end in the immediate future.

It was apparent that others felt the same way, as the film opened with very disappointing box office numbers. The first weekend of release, the movie only made fourteen million dollars and was the number two movie in the country.

If you want to feel dirty, nauseous, disgusted and unsatisfied as you leave the theatre, then this movie is for you. If not, then save the \$8 or so you would spend by seeing *Kid* and rent *There's Something About Mary* and have a fun and satisfying time.

Write for Life!

"Life is a highway, I
wanna write for it all
night long..."

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Pistachio Bar & Grille:

Food & Fun

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I came upon Pistachio Bar and Grille by luck, one night junior year, and have been hooked ever since. Maybe it's their eclectic, cool décor or their never ending menu of highly inventive entrees that keeps customers like me coming back. But what really seems to be Pistachio's appeal is their ability to effortlessly blend a laid back vibe with high energy food, creating a unique dining experience.

Located at The Shops at Cedar Point, Pistachio's curb appeal is a good indicator of what's to come on the inside. Dark cherry wood and floor to ceiling glass panels arranged in a wave-like shape suggest that you are stepping into a unique restaurant that will deliver a sense of fun from start to finish.

Upon walking in, I was introduced to a world filled with bright walls, decorative mirrors, and hanging glass lamps. The art that adorns the walls, especially those pieces in which the heads of people are replaced with fruit, highlights the trendy ambience that Pistachio seeks to create. Mosaic tiles throughout the restaurant also add a whimsical touch, reinforcing the eclectic theme of the restaurant.

Aside from the one of a kind décor, the vast array of menu options at Pistachio also makes this restaurant truly unique. With a menu that looks like a small book, trying to decide what to order is a challenge in itself. From salads to sandwiches, to pizza and pasta, Pistachio serves up an array of global foods sure to please everyone at the table.

To start off the night, a complimentary dish of hummus and bruschetta is brought to the table, along with a choice of fresh breads. Don't fill up on this as their appetizers, in my opinion, are the highlight of their cuisine. Ranging from Duck Spring Rolls to Napa Valley Black Bean Soup, the assortment of appetizers reflects a global tasting of cultures across the world.

The Chicken Satay is a traditional combination of grilled chicken skewers paired with a peanut sauce that definitely packs a punch. Let me also recommend the Pan Seared Scallops – seared to perfection and topped with a tasty Hoi sin Sauce, they will surely become a favorite.

When it comes time to choose a meal, don't get overwhelmed as you flip through the endless pages with options including Tilapia Milanese, Baby Back Ribs and Maui Chicken. Try embracing a new dish that is

unique to Pistachio or one that you have never tried before. The spaghetti with toasted breadcrumbs and artichokes is something I've never seen on any other menu before and it creates a perfect texture combination. Another favorite of mine is the crab cakes. As someone who truly appreciates a good crab cake, the ones at Pistachio are very fresh and offer a twist on the usual dipping sauce.

For those of you who are vegetarians, you will find Pistachio has some great items which showcase the freshness of their ingredients. The Farmers Market Vegetable Platter comes with an assortment of fresh vegetables, all prepared in different manners to create a fun and flavorful platter.

Also, the eggplant shelbourne is a twist on vegetarian lasagna. With layers of spinach, roasted garlic cloves, sautéed eggplant, fresh mozzarella and homemade tomato sauce, this dish is a one of my favorites. With each bite you get a taste of all of the delicious flavors that work together to create a solid dish.

Many times, I have been in the mood for something on the lighter side, which is when I turn to their lengthy list of salads. Although they are lighter, they are definitely big on

flavor. With over 30 different salads, such as the Roasted Beet Salad, Georgia Fried Chicken, and the Seafood Cobb, the list goes on and on.

For those who are adventurous and would like to try something unique, opt for salads like the Thai Salad with Chicken Ravioli or the Japanese BBQ Salmon Salad – both exhibit combinations of ingredients I have never seen paired together.

Their drink list is just as long as their list of cuisine, ranging from the classic martini and glass of red or white wine, to their specialty martinis and original ice cream drinks. With names like the Arctic Summer Martini, I am sure the drinks will match their food in terms of their eclectic flavor combinations.

Although the service can sometimes be slow and the prices are a little high, the fun ambience and even more, the fun food choices make Pistachio a very worthwhile restaurant to visit and spend a weekend night.

Take it from me and don't wait until your junior year to step foot into this restaurant, but rather start now, because with a menu as long as Pistachio's, it may take all four years to sample all their unique and diverse dishes.

Beauty and fashion corner: Basics for Beautiful Skin

Everyone wants to have glowing and flawless movie star skin, but in order to achieve that, a good skin care regimen coupled with makeup become crucial elements to emulating this look. None of us can afford to have a live-in makeup artist with us in our already cramped dorms beautifying us in the morning before class, but by spending just a little money and a little time you can be on your way to beautiful looking skin. We hope by now that most everyone realizes that having clean, healthy skin is important. The first recommended step is to consult a dermatologist who is able to assess your particular skin type and get you on a daily facial cleansing regimen. Usually this consists of cleansing twice a day, once in the morning and once before going to bed. Follow up with a moisturizer specific to your skin type, whether it is dry or oily to lock nutrients into your skin.

If you have a little extra time in the morning after you have washed your skin, makeup can go a long way in helping to complete that flawless look. Finding the right shade and color foundation is crucial. If you find that your skin complexion falls in between two colors, you may need to mix two shades together to get your desired result. A great tool for applying your foundation is the latex foam sponge wedge, which should be discarded after each use.

They are inexpensive, so don't get stingy with yourself. The bacteria can accumulate on the sponge from various uses, and this can be problematic for your skin. Remember to thoroughly blend your foundation into your skin and past your jaw line, down your neck to avoid the dreaded line that looks like your face is separate from your neck. If you feel as if you need more coverage on certain areas, such as underneath your eyes and the occasional pimple, concealer along with a good concealer brush can help in managing and covering up those problematic areas.

Quick Tips:

- Remember to remove your makeup before going to bed
- Wash your face daily
- Moisturize your skin
- Find the right shade of foundation and concealer
- Get your beauty rest
- Hydrate your skin by drinking eight glasses of water a day

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Mid-season report: Cinderella making an appearance in College Football

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The first half of the Major College Football season has been anything but normal. At this point of the season, who would have thought that Boston College and South Florida would be in the national title discussion? Did anyone think that Louisville would be 3-3 with losses to Syracuse, Kentucky, and Utah? What about Michigan, with their opening-day loss to division I-AA foe Appalachian State? Colorado over Oklahoma was wild too, as the Buffaloes seem to be finally getting back on track. As big as those shockers were, I don't think any game was more shocking than this week's upset special: Stanford 24, Southern Cal 23. Michigan can thank Cardinal head coach (and former Wolverine) Jim Harbaugh, who may have displaced the Wolverines with the Trojans as the greatest victim of an upset. Stanford walked into the L.A. Coliseum as a 41-point underdog, which meant USC was supposedly going to beat the Cardinal

by 6 scores if they were to cover the spread. However, the glass slipper continued to fit on the little guys, and they ended the longest home-winning streak at 36 games (the last time they had been beaten was by Stanford in 2001).

Random Thoughts... I initially thought the Championship Game would have USC vs. Oklahoma, especially after I watched OU crush Miami (turns out that the Hurricanes again aren't very good). Oklahoma can still get there; their loss against Colorado on the road isn't good, but it certainly isn't the worst thing that could have happened. USC might be able to be back in it as well because of how they were voted, but it would be a travesty. You don't lose to a 41-point underdog and then compete for a national championship. Not to mention, their only good win was against a Nebraska squad that, quite frankly, isn't very good. Looking at the teams now, I do think LSU will run the table and go undefeated, because the rest of their schedule is much more manageable. I still don't think the Tigers are the super-team that they are being made out to be.

They should have gotten beat by Florida, and until this week their big win over Virginia Tech didn't seem great. However, they certainly are the team to beat. The challenger could be a variety of teams. #2 California has a lot of talent, especially on offense. However, I don't think they will make it out alive with their schedule, especially if USC wakes up. Both #4 Boston College and #5 South Florida would be nice, but I don't expect either of these teams to stay undefeated and will see how they handle the pressure of being top-ranked teams. #3 Ohio State probably has the best chance to get to New Orleans to face LSU, but don't look past their schedule. Kent State will be easy, but the slate of Michigan State, @ Penn State, Wisconsin, Illinois, and @ Michigan is beginning to look very deadly. Illinois might be the best team in the Big Ten, and playing at Happy Valley and at the Big House is always tough. However, as much as the Big Ten has gotten knocked for being weak this year, I think this is a tougher conference than people think. We will see during bowl season.

DeLuca, Mules ground game pummels Juniata; remains undefeated

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Mules came home from Juniata very pleased this past weekend, especially the defense. Why? The Muhlenberg Offense had a breakout game, and leading them to a 44-3 victory was the running game. Junior running back John DeLuca led an impressive running game with a career-high 161 yards on 23 carries, as well as 4 touchdowns. The rest of the team followed suit as the team rolled up 365 yards on the ground, and 599 total offensive yards. Not only was it a breakout game, but it was a game where the Division 3 Pollsters took notice. Although the Mules aren't officially ranked, they received votes in the latest poll, which puts them at #27 (unofficially). With more wins, they will certainly climb higher, especially with their shutout victory over #24 TCNJ.

Speaking of rankings, the former #1 defense in the country bounced back in a big way after a rough

performance against Johns Hopkins. They held Juniata to a mere field goal, and only 119 total yards. The rush defense was the greatest part, as they held Juniata to 13 yards on 17 carries. Although they didn't force any turnovers, it was still a much better showing compared to a week ago.

DeLuca was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week with his spectacular play, bringing his season stats to a total of 585 yards rushing and 6 rushing touchdowns. He also has a passing touchdown, which he threw to junior quarterback Eric Santagato. Other key contributors offensively against Juniata were Santagato (202 yards passing), running backs Erik Snyder '09 (85 rushing yards) and Codie Bender '10 (rushing TD), and fullback Matt Boland '10 (rushing TD). Tight end Matt Johnson '08 and wide receiver Phil Cresta '10 had 5 catches each.

The Mules play at home this week, and will host McDaniel College. The game starts at 1 P.M.



Junior center Mike Nolan and sophomore guard Kevin Hussey played a hard game against Juniata, helping the Mules to preserve their undefeated record in the 2007 season.

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The last line of defense

Mule Profile: Peter Bennett

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Many would argue that, in any sport, the goalie is the most important and crucial player. When the ball slips past the attack, travels past the midfield, and slides through the defense, the team's last hope is their goalie – the last line of defense, the sole contender who holds the fate of the game in his hands.

For the past four years, that figure has been Peter Bennett for the Muhlenberg Men's Soccer Team: a trustworthy, dedicated, and consistent candidate for the job.

From the beginning, Bennett proved to be goaltender-inclined. "It was inevitable because I was always the tallest kid growing up, which got me thrown into the goal in the midget leagues," he said. "Being the tallest kid got somewhat frustrating though because opposing coaches always asked for my player pass to make sure I was not too old."

He also attributes the acquisition of his position to his older brother. "My older brother played goalie so I got a lot of his old gear, outfitting me for the goalie position pretty early on. As I grew up, my older brother would just take me out back in front of our hedge and pound shot after shot at me—both to teach me the position and also just to pound shots at me."

Concerning his family tree, the fact that Bennett plays soccer is actually an odd phenomenon. Aside from his generation, the rest of his family has a strong history of playing football at the collegiate level. But, his parents encouraged him to try everything. "They really encouraged me not to focus on soccer and play other sports, which for me, translated into playing four sports in high school: soccer, football, basketball, and track," he said. "I think it really helped, because when it came time to pick a sport to play in college, I realized how much I enjoyed soccer and how much I still wanted to play."

Collegiate soccer was a good choice, and his teammates will definitely thank him for it later. Right now, Bennett holds a number of records in the Centennial Conference (CC), as well as the NCAA. He is currently ranked fourth in the CC for save percentage, and second in the CC for shutouts. He's also ranked 47th in all of NCAA Division III – a number close to four hundred – for a goals-against average of .57 per game.

Last year, he was awarded a Centennial Conference Player of the Week recognition for recording nine saves in back-to-back wins against TCNJ and Gettysburg. Right now, he has a career total of 18 shutouts, and he hopes to break at least 20 by the end of his final season this year. Also, he wishes to continue to lower his goals-against-average and increase his save percentage.

Bennett likes to describe himself as a pretty mellow guy. "Reading and listening to music are big hobbies of mine," he said. "Music is a big part of my life, especially as a means to relax during the season. I play the guitar, and I actually have a ukulele that I play from time to time. But I'm also constantly buying CDs and records, and I have amassed a collection of a few hundred CDs, so I'm constantly listening to music and trying to find new music. I'm a big fan of My Morning Jacket and Pearl Jam. I also enjoy hiking and fly fishing and other outdoor activities."

His mellowness definitely plays a big role in his athletic life. In terms of playing goalie, "I guess I don't mind the pressure of it," Bennett said. Usually athletes complain about the pressures they deal with, but Bennett isn't like the rest. His love of soccer also contrasts with what the majority hates about soccer. "I probably love the thing that most people dislike about soccer and, that is the slower build ups that produce the great plays and amazing goals," he said. "From my perspective in goal, I love watching the movement of the ball from one end of the field to the other. Because it is a continuous sport, I like how vision and strategy come into play."

Bennett is certain that his respect for the game will continue after he graduates, as he hopes to possibly coach at the high school level someday. "I'm a double major in English and history; as of now, I'm probably going to spend a year getting certified to teach to high school history, in which case I would coach soccer and/or basketball," he said. "Coaching is a field I would love to get involved with; I already am, to a certain extent, as I train some goalies in my hometown, and I've also worked with summer camps. I think I would like to coach at a high school level."

Before any of that, however, Bennett is enjoying the time he has left with his team, and he hopes that this year's squad can produce results. "I'm

excited about the team this season because unlike other years, I really believe we're playing as a team and this is evident in the number of players who have scored goals so far this year and the success we've had defensively," he said.

"In my first two years here we had some great players but I think we relied on them too much and never developed the kind of team chemistry we have now. With where we are now, we're looking to make the CC playoffs and there is no reason we can't be a strong contender for the championship."

Bennett is confident that his teammates are what keep the sport fun and worthwhile, and he'll always remember the connection they have this season. "I really like the closeness of this year's team," he reflected. "We love playing pranks on each other—well, really just the upperclassmen on the freshman, but we all laugh. We have a lot of characters on the team who love to tell stories and joke around, but at the same time, we're a close enough group that we can put the joking aside and play well together."

Being on the team for four years has earned him experience and wisdom, but what he wishes to relay to future men's soccer players is this: "Keep sprinting to the locker room to beat the football team to the showers."

His teammates agree that they will miss having Bennett's presence behind them in goal, driving them forward from the back in the last line of defense.



Senior Peter Bennett has been a solid force in goal for the Mules the past four years. He has held opponents scoreless in 18 games in his career, and he will be missed after graduation.

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Soccer shuts down Washington

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg Soccer has found a rhythm. Both the men and women are adding tallies to the win column, putting whatever tough losses they may have endured far behind them.

The Women's Soccer Team took on a tough Moravian team on Tues., Oct. 2. Shut out for the second time this season, the Mules held on to a 0-0 tie until the Greyhounds knocked in the decisive goal with 18:24 left to play. The Mules (5-2-3) out-shot the Greyhounds (9-2) 14-11, but in a game where a single goal determined the outcome, the Mules went home empty-handed.

However, they were able to put the discouraging loss behind them in a Centennial Conference match-up against Washington. Undeclared so far in Centennial Conference play, the Mules were optimistic about the game, knowing that they have never lost to Washington before, and they were not about to start. The Mules pounded 26 shots on the Shorewomen, while they could only muster 4.

Sophomore Christine Schaefer notched her first career goal and the first of five total goals for the Mules at 6:49, assisted by fellow sophomores Ashley O'Grady and Kimberly Hacker. A little later, O'Grady followed up with a goal of her own, and sophomore Jennifer Lynch added yet another to make it 3-0. Assisted by sophomore Kasey Hacker, Lynch also scored her memorable first goal against Washington.

Freshman Rachael Goldstein made it 4-0 when she followed her own shot that bounced off the crossbar. Finally, senior Megan Francis provided the last goal for the Mules, assisted by junior Stacey Zimmer, to seal the impressive 5-0 victory. The Mules now boast a record of 6-2-3, 3-0-1.

The Men's Team also faced Washington, but not before they put away a game against DeSales (3-8-1). On Wed., Oct. 3, the Mules scored twice in the first 7:04 against the Bulldogs. Sophomore Adison Weseloh opened the scoring with a goal just 87 seconds in after stealing the ball off a DeSales pass. Coming into the game, DeSales had recorded three straight shutouts, yet the Mules were able to add on to their total when junior Greg Leischner, assisted by senior Karim Assous, had a shot deflect off a Bulldog and into the net. The Mules' third goal was somewhat debated, as sophomore Eric Miller took a shot that looked to be going wide, and the referee blew his whistle to signal a goal kick. However, the ball never actually cleared the line, and freshman Evan Rubin tipped it in, scoring his first

career goal. Ahead 3-0 going into the second half, Muhlenberg put junior Joseph Gogel in net for his first appearance this year, and he was able to preserve the shutout. Up until the match against DeSales, Men's Soccer has been used to playing tight games. However, they recorded their second 3-0 win in a row against Washington. Like the Women's Team, they shut-out the Shoremen (3-8, 0-5). Muhlenberg, now 7-3, 3-2, out-shot Washington 19-5. Miller had a big game, scoring two goals, the first assisted by senior Jonathan Kliewer, and the second by junior Billy Dalton. Sophomore Eric Gonzalez added a third, scoring the first goal of his career.

Overall, Muhlenberg's Soccer Teams have been very impressive of late. They came back after somewhat discouraging results from Homecoming Weekend, and got the job done.



Sophomore Kasey Hacker, here in the game against Moravian, recorded an assist in the next game against Washington.

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Freshman Hannah Wincklemann takes down Albright.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KATE ALFORD

Rugby grabs a spot in playoffs

By Kate Alford
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Women's Rugby Team left their pitch on Saturday with an outstanding win against Albright College, 55-5. Team captain Kate Alford ('08) said, "I was really impressed with the composition of the team on Saturday. We have been working really hard on communication during practice, and it definitely showed in this last game." The Mules' defensive players, or the pack, were able to turnover the possession of the ball multiple times. Albright was only able to get by their strong defense one time, scoring in the middle of the first half. The team was able to continuously use their speed and strength over

Albright to score a total of nine tries throughout the game.

Rookies Hannah Wincklemann, Megan O'Leary, and Sarah Watkins, all freshmen, scored five of the team's tries. Other points were put on the board by Janis Coughlin ('08), Daniella Goodarz ('09) and kicker for the team, Deb Crockett ('10). This victory over Albright College puts the ladies' record at 2-1-0. Their new league record, 2-0-0, will also allow them into the Collegiate Championship Playoffs played at Gettysburg in early November. This is the first time the team has qualified for the playoffs in over five years. The team hopes to carry their high spirits into their last game against Lehigh University on Sat., Oct. 20.

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Field Hockey ranked 1st in Conference

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

At a point in the season when most teams find themselves in a monotonous lull, the Mules Field Hockey team has been experiencing a climactic uplifting, especially after beating McDaniel 4-0 on Sat., Oct. 4. The win against the Green Terror was their fifth in the Centennial Conference so far, making their Conference record 5-0.

Perhaps most exciting, though, is outranking last year's NCAA Division III champion and Conference nemesis, Ursinus College, currently

ranked #2 in the country, whose ranking fell to 4-1 after an upset by Franklin & Marshall on Oct. 4. The loss ended Ursinus' 44-game Conference winning streak.

Right now, the Mules are tied for first in the Conference with #9 Johns Hopkins, who also boasts a 5-0 record. For the 'Berg Field Hockey team, who isn't even ranked in the top 20, a tie with Hopkins and a top-ten-team is a tremendous achievement.

"It's a huge accomplishment for our team," said junior defender Julie DeLaurentis. "Ursinus has been the top dog in our conference since they first came to Division III, and now we're the team people are going to be gunning for. We worked extremely hard as a team to get there, so we deserve it — but it's not over yet."

DeLaurentis is certainly right — the Mules have a tough but exciting week coming up. On Sat. night, the team will travel to Baltimore to play a pivotal game against Hopkins, one that will change the numbers around in the Conference rankings.

"We try and concentrate on one game at a time, but we all know Hopkins is coming and we're mentally preparing for it," continued DeLaurentis. "Last year we went head-to-head with them and lost by one goal in overtime. So it's time to have some revenge on them."

The #1 spot in the Conference can't be shared for long, and hopefully the 'Berg can kick Hopkins out of the running.

The Mules feature an all-star lineup, which should help their chances. Seniors Kelly Shetron and Jillian Duffy are ranked 2nd in the Conference with total points, tying each other with an average of 2.40 points per game. Senior Lauren Rutt and sophomore Nicki Notarianni hold places in the top ten as well, with averages of 2.00 and 1.60 points per game, respectively. Duffy ranks 1st in the Conference in assists, clocking an average of .80 assists per game, and Notarianni ranks 1st in the Conference in total game-winning goals. Offensively, the team is blessed.

The defensive end of the field isn't too shabby, either. So far, they boast three shutouts and have been nationally ranked as a unit. Of the three games that the Mules (9-3) have lost this season, not one of them has been a loss by more than one goal.

"We are having a great season so far!" exclaimed head coach Megan Eddinger. "It's very exciting for all of us, since this is the first time we have been ranked this high at this point in the season."

In terms of the upcoming Hopkins game, Coach Eddinger wants to keep a level head. "We have a very strong schedule at the end of the season, and we have to be focused for that next game; we can't be looking ahead," she said. "We are taking it one game at a time. Last season we had a tough OT loss against Hopkins, but that just adds more fuel to the fire."

The Centennial Conference has always been extremely competitive, and for the remainder of the 2007 fall season, it shouldn't be any different. "Our conference is really exciting, because on any given day it can be anyone's game," concluded Eddinger. "It should be a great game with two head-to-head teams looking to come out with a win!"

Congratulations to the entire Muhlenberg Field Hockey program for their well-deserved success thus far.

Greyhounds rally in Mules' loss

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Tues., Oct.
2, local rival
Moravian

College (11-7) defeated Muhlenberg Volleyball (7-13) in a close match resulting in a sweep. The two teams were evenly matched, with strong hitters and scrappy defensive play on both ends. However, it was Muhlenberg's subtle mistakes and lack of strong defense against Moravian's top hitters that lead to their defeat. The first game was a back and forth, point for point struggle in which Moravian finally pulled out four points ahead to clinch the game. In the second game, Moravian pulled out a lead and finished ahead 30-22. In the third game, the Mules captured an early lead; however, during crunch time the Mules faltered and Moravian caught up and pulled out a nail-biting win by a score of 32-30. This was their second loss to Moravian this season as well as the 10th time in a row losing to them.

The Mules, however, put up an excellent fight and sophomore Phylcia Lee ended the game with a new career high of 20 kills. Junior Megan Eiser added 40 assists to make her career total 1,243 and senior Megan Young kept up 21 digs to make her new total 1,157.

This weekend proved to be very successful for the Mules as they took on Washington and Delaware Valley on Saturday. The Mules defeated Washington in the first match 3-1 with a large contribution from Eiser who had a triple double. Eiser lead the team with 37 assists, 11 digs and 11 kills. Senior Jess Anselmi contributed 20 kills in this match. In the next match against Delaware Valley, the Mules also won in four games. In a 8-8 tie in the second game, junior Danielle Losonci served nine points and sophomore Christina Cangelosi served seven aces to take control of the match and pull out a victory.



Junior Megan Eiser contributed a triple double against Washington.

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Junior defender Julie DeLaurentis has been a crucial member of the Mules' defense this season.

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College democrats host forum

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg College Democrats followed suit in the new tradition of the YouTube.com presidential debates and hosted local politicians from the Democratic Party for a forum focusing on issues pertinent to young voters last Wed., Oct. 17 at 8:00 p.m. in Seegers Union. The

"This was a great opportunity for students to tell local candidates what matters for them and create possibility for real change."

Adrian Shanker '09

event was free, open to the public, and had a relatively positive response and turnout.

The forum was moderated by Dr. Michele Moser Deegan, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Lehigh Valley Research Consortium. The following

Democratic candidates were present at the forum: William Michael Donovan, Jeanette Eichenwald and Peter Schwyer for City Council, Gloria Hamm, Rich Gawlik and Bill Leiner for County Commissioner, Bill Hoffman for City Controller, and Michele Varricchio for Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas.

The forum began with Deegan introducing each candidate with a brief explanation of their background in politics. Then, each candidate took about two minutes to tell the students why they were running for their position and what some of their campaign ideas were.

The candidates were very gracious to be at the College and to be given the opportunity to speak to some of the younger population in the area. They were very surprised by how professional the forum was compared to others they have attended for the present campaign.

All of the candidates had

a very optimistic attitude towards Allentown and its community, and focused on many of its positive aspects during the forum. After each candidate had his or her time to speak, students were allowed to ask questions that they had either about what the candidates intend on doing to make Allentown even better than they view it to currently be, or just about the campaigns in general.

Adrian Shanker '09, Event Coordinator and Vice President of the College Democrats, said, "This was a great opportunity for students to tell local candidates what matters for them and create a possibility for real change."

During this section of the forum a lot of issues were touched upon including the environment, public transportation, education, issues of gender and sexual identity, and the quality of life in Allentown. Candidates run-

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Make a choice this week

By Beth Schwartz
COPY EDITOR

This week, the College is holding Choice Week—a week for students to make positive decisions regarding social and recreational choices that students at the College might face.

"Choice Week is a period of time when every member of the Muhlenberg Community is asked to make a choice to either abstain from Alcohol and other drugs or to abstain from other drug use and to drink responsibly," as defined in the Choice Week 2007 program schedule.

A week concluding with Family Weekend seems like a perfect week to prompt students to partake in smart activities, looking at all of the consequences that are emitted through poor decisions.

Organizations that sponsor the activities throughout the week include: Student Activities; Campus Progress; Residential Life; GSA; C.A.S.E.; MAC; Counseling Services; Athletics and the Varsity sports teams; Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority; MCEMS; and, the Trexler Library, which is holding a library display on Sat., Oct. 27, during Family Weekend.

In the Choice Week 2007 program schedule, these organizations would like to remind students that, "We all make choices everyday of our lives. All choices have consequences." They also ask to "Please set aside this time to make some positive choices that can result in positive outcomes. Make the right choice. Have a Great time during Choice Week and choose to be sober and drug-free."

Organizations, as the

ones aforementioned, are proud to take part in Choice Week 2007. Bev MacEwan, Director of Student Activities, said, "The Office of Student Activities supports the efforts of Counseling Services by providing programs that are relative to Choice Week."

Student Activities has contributed to Choice Week by showing a movie, *The Education of Shelby Knox* in the Red Door on Monday as well as planning many events for Family Weekend that incorporate non-alcoholic alternatives.

Colleges worldwide incorporate a choice week type program into their community as well, according to Anita Kelly, Director of Counseling Services. "Middle schools and high schools are also devoting time to this topic, but it is referred to as a 'Red Ribbon week' where a student makes a pledge to not drink or [take part in] drug [use] and wears a red ribbon to show their support," said Kelly.

Students at the College, as well as nationwide, are constantly used to hearing people demand to "Just Say 'No!'" Students feel that these statements are too forceful, and therefore, may not make the right decisions. Furthermore, students, through peer pressure, are coerced to make poor choices.

Choice Week helps students realize that no one is pushing them to do anything, and aids students by showing them the positive outcomes to positive choices, or consequences to negative choices. Here, students are able to make their own

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William Michael Donovan speaks about his past involvement with politics and the city of Allentown, and what he hopes to accomplish in the future.

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Starting to feel the heat

During our time working at *The Weekly*, we have used student apathy and a lack of student dedication to fuel many editorials. While this continues to be a big problem at the College, there is another side to this argument. What does the College provide for its dedicated and responsible student leaders? Over the course of the past few weeks there have been a few highly valued leaders threatening to resign and others dreading to complete their weekly obligations to their organizations on top of an already heavy course load. Dinners at the President's House are great and a loaded resume is even better, but what about a clean and healthy working environment?

Our staff of dedicated students sacrifice free time, sleep and sometimes even grades to make the paper look and read as good as it can when it hits the stands in Seegers on Thursday mornings. Why are we spending countless hours in an unventilated, moldy office every Tuesday night?

After bringing this problem to the attention of Plant Operations, their solution was to give us a dehumidifier, which is fine, except for the fact that it releases steam, making the already unbearable office situation even worse. As three involved students we do not need to be adding "stop down to the office to empty the dehumidifier" to our daily to-do lists.

While we understand that Dick Begbey and the team of Plant Operations workers behind him are stretched thin, the addition of a dehumidifier to the office was not an acceptable solution to the situation.

While we're hoping to be relocated to Seegers Union with Phase II of the renovations in the works, we need something to be done about this, now. We're not asking for a state of the art, brand new office, we're simply asking for a healthy and comfortable environment where we can work. As the end of the year is approaching, we've been receiving an endless amount of surveys about the newspaper. Most ask how much our editors are paid, and the answer is...ZERO. We're not looking for monetary compensation or a pass out of Wednesday classes, although that would be nice, we're simply looking for some respect as students running a business.

We strive to make the paper better each week, but wonder how much longer we can continue to work under these conditions. We're forced to think about why we continue to sit in the heat and sweat for hours on end when we receive nothing but a few words to put on a resume in return. We would like to hope that we see some change in the near future before we are forced to re-evaluate our positions as unappreciated student leaders.

Being 'Berg's Van Wilder

By Stacy Romascavage
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

I graduated from Muhlenberg College this past May with a B.A. in Media and Communication with a minor in Political

Science. This fall, I was planning on attending Hofstra University to obtain a Masters degree in Journalism. I did enjoy journalism, but I was not in love with it to the extent to pursue a career in that field. Besides coming to this realization, there was a lack of communication Hofstra provided concerning the Masters degree, which turned me away from going there. Their apathy was so great that to this day, they did not assign me a dorm room in which to stay. This is pathetic, considering I sent in the housing deposit check three months before school even started! I also applied for four graduate assistantships and heard nothing from them, after calling each at least five times. Why should I go to a university in which they could not even return a simple phone call and show no concern for incoming graduate students?

After coming to the conclusion that I was not going to Hofstra in the fall, I looked around to see if my true career was evident this entire time. Where I live, my family has chickens, sheep, goats and other farm animals. Taking care of them throughout my childhood was always a passion, but I really did not listen to my heart. About two weeks before classes started, I had a talk with my family as to what I really wanted to do post-college graduation. I told them I wanted to go back to Muhlenberg and take science classes to fulfill pre-requisites for veterinary school. They were happy I was pursuing what was in my heart and said I would be stupid not to follow that path. They further told me that it is better going back two steps and then going ahead five (going to Muhlenberg to take science classes, then going to veterinary school) as opposed to

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

We, along with the majority of Muhlenberg students, pick up a copy of the Weekly for two principle reasons: the crime reports and the sex column. Its a sad occurrence when the crime blotters are more about sex than the actual sex column. As the weeks of the year progress, the sex column more and more resembles the innocence of Disney movies than anything we would have interest in reading after the age of 14. Realize it, we are now in college and based on a statistic we just made up for this letter, 90% of college students do not actually care about categorizing their relationship status. They are content with having ambiguous statuses, and do not feel the need to exclaim this status daily. Furthermore, using out-dated 80's movies for supporting your ideas would be as titillating as us using Schindler's List to argue the increase of a potential orgasm.

If you honestly believe that a person cannot have a friend of the opposite sex, you are missing the beauty of every day communication skills. Although we both imagine the opposite sex naked all the time, it is really out of curiosity and cheap laughs, and not because we want to sleep with them. Again, nothing in the sex column mentions anything remotely dealing with sex. Condoms? - no. Vaginas? - no. Blowjobs? - no. Nothing! Perhaps the author should stop popping in Disney classics everynight and refer to real life encounters for inspiration for the sex column.

Please notice that a woman and man, amid the company of other men and women wrote this letter. No one suddenly screamed out their desire for sex on the Seeger's Couches. We are more interested in keeping good friends. We are however sex driven - which is why we are asking for more sex in the sex column, or the opportunity to write it ourselves.

Alex Winogora '08
Kirill Meleshevich '08

Divest now

By Barbara Macholz and Jacy Good
WEEKLY GUEST WRITERS

It has been about 60 years since the Holocaust, 28 since the end of the genocide in Cambodia, 13 since the end of the genocide in Bosnia, 12 since the end of the genocide in Rwanda and **four since the beginning of the genocide in Darfur, Sudan that has killed and continues to kill upwards of 300,000 people.** It has been three years since the President officially labeled the situation in Darfur genocide. It has been about a year since more than 50 prestigious universities and four states decided to divest from Sudan. It has been three months since the United States Congress passed bill HR-180 to protect Americans in the process of divestment. What are we waiting for?

Muhlenberg College has the potential divest from companies involved in Sudan's economy. We have the potential to stop funding this genocide. After a delay by the Muhlenberg College Board of Trustees on a decision to divest, we present this simple, important ques-

tion: what are we waiting for? Have we not learned a single thing from history? Genocide is part of our past and present, but it does not have to be part of our future. The numbers are in, and there is no gray area. It has been too long already. Divest now.

Are we waiting to make sure that we do not lose financial stability while millions of people live in refugee camps and risk their lives daily just to get firewood? Are we waiting because we are afraid to lose money while entire villages are burned to nothing? Are we waiting because we are unsure if the potential to help stop genocide is a good thing? Is it that more than 300,000 is not a high enough number for how many have been killed? Are we waiting for more to die?

Cornell, American, Brown, Columbia, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Smith, Stanford, Yale. Are these, and the other universities that have divested, not good enough examples for us to follow?

We sit in our homes and offices,

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A Hopeless Situation



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The belief that Western and Islamic civilization can't live in peaceful cooperation is not a new one. Samuel Huntington controversially wrote "The Clash of Civilizations" about a decade ago, and the idea has seemed to fulfill itself over the past few years. A similar point is made by the recently

released movie, "The Kingdom," which somberly ends with an American FBI agent and a Muslim extremist simultaneously declaring they would "kill them all" when discussing their opposition.

Are Americans naïve to believe that democracy can flourish in the Middle East? This answer to this question could very well shape our foreign policy over the next few decades. There is certainly evidence that points towards the fact that it is a region with a different culture and history that is not at all conducive to the type of society in which we live. It isn't irrational to make an argument that America would be best served to remove its military presence from the region, and leave its focus on sanctioning nuclear activity through the UN.

A major source of tension between America and the Muslim world is their constant troop presence in Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern nations. This is a

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problem that won't cease until America's heavy reliance on oil is brought to an end. The troops and our controversial relationship with the Saudi royal family are insurance for the oil industry. As long as oil is in demand, we are going to remain hostage to a dangerous and complex situation in the Middle East.

The price of oil is that it provides fuel to the fire for radicals recruiting other young Muslims into their organizations. It also forces us to maintain a hypocritical relationship with Saudi Arabia. On one hand, we condemn countries that abuse human rights and do not have open, tolerant societies. Yet, we remain close allies with a Saudi government which constantly ignores human rights, has an extremely conservative and radical state of law and is a breeding ground for terrorists.

In all likelihood, America isn't going to find a way to survive without oil anytime soon, which

means we will remain in our current predicament. It is hard to imagine a time in the near future where the Middle East fits our idealized vision. The region is simply a different civilization than our own. America needs to find a way to co-exist with this civilization, without coming into military conflict with it. We co-existed with the Soviet Union for the duration of the Cold War, without ever combating them head to head. A decision to constantly battle every rogue nation in the Middle East is most likely going to lead to a perpetual cycle of violence and a lack of progress in the area of peaceful co-existence.

**the fate of
democracy
in the
middle east**

Cheer on the Lady Mules, too

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

"No one comes to watch the girls play, they just aren't as popular," is an answer from my teammate that I have a hard time forgetting when asking her why there seemed to be no one in the stands cheering for one of the women's sports teams last year. That answer repeats in my mind every time I look up at the stands at one of my own games, only to find that 75% of our fans are parents and the rest are our roommates.

I came from a high school where Athletics were big. Going to a women's volleyball game on a Tuesday night in the fall was just as popular as going to a men's hockey game in the winter. The students enjoyed supporting their friends, and they were proud of the bragging rights that came with each reaffirming win. Playing in front of a huge home crowd was not only thrilling, but also intimidating to our rival teams that at times, were cheered off our fields and courts and back onto

their buses.

Recently, I walked past one of the men's home soccer games on my way to my friend's room. I was happy to see that Muhlenberg was winning and that there was a decent sized home crowd in the stands cheering them on. A few nights later, I went to support my friends at their women's soccer game and I was dismayed to find that I was one of the few in the stands that was not a parent of a player. Why weren't there more students cheering on our Lady Mules?

Our female athletes are just as devoted to their teams as the men athletes are. The women love their sports and train just as hard as their male counterparts do. Sometimes the women's teams have better records than the men's do, and sometimes they don't. Either way, I can tell you from first hand experience that the games are just as exciting as the guy's games.

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Dumbledore sexually repressed



Gender & Identity

Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Dumbledore may be gay, but the queer community has more to worry about at the present than fan fiction. It is certainly worthy of note that *Harry Potter* author, J.K. Rowling, has out-ed Hogwarts Headmaster, Albus Dumbledore. While Dumbledore's story, told vicariously through Rowling, is a metaphor to the suppressed love faced by many (particularly older) queer people, it is just that – a metaphor.

The queer community has enough stories of hatred, discrimination, sexual repression and self-denial to go around without adding a fictional character into the mix. That said, it is extremely important to have fictional characters that represent queer images – but the fact that Dumbledore was out-ed post-publication of the last book and that he did not himself come out proves that he should not be a role model for the LGBT community.

While Rowling is busy out-ing her fictional characters, queer people everywhere still face significant amounts of sexual repression. As Rowling notes, Dumbledore's love was his "great tragedy." In a post-*Brokeback Mountain* culture, Americans' eyes have opened to issues of gay love, but stereotypes still persist. Images of promiscuity among gay men, false beliefs that bisexuals are just "confused" and ideas of lesbians as having no sex drive persist through our heteronormative society.

Legally, sexual repression is just where the American government wants it to be. Bush's abstinence programs are leaving children behind on a daily basis. The global gag rule is oppressing abortion-needing women internationally. And queer kids in K-12 schools are continuously denied accurate information about same sex health issues. This is called sexual repression – the same sort of repression that forced Dumbledore to stay in the closet is going to keep many other queer people there as well.

The fact that we actually have laws in place encouraging sexual repression is sickening and immoral. I am tired of hearing that religion or morality is telling people to stay abstinent, or to oppose gay sex etc... My spirituality, and that of many other people's and traditions, is one that encourages positive sex and treats sexual information as

something that should be freely distributed. That is the work of many pro-sex ed clergy, among them Rev. Deb Haffner of the Religious Institute and Rev. Carleton Veazy of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

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watch our televisions, read our newspapers and listen to our radios. All of these sources tell us that a catastrophe is occurring and that peace keepers are being killed. And yet, we sleep at night in our towns that have not been raided, on our college campus which have not been ransacked and burned and we talk to our mothers, sisters and daughters who have not been raped by the Janjaweed. We have the luxury to sit back and do nothing, to ignore that which is going on half a world away from us. Are we really consciously able to live with taking advantage of that luxury?

In deciding to divest, we not only take responsibility for our place in the global community, but also set a standard for other colleges, organizations and personal investors in the Lehigh Valley. We can stand up in the face of this genocide and teach those in our local community to do the same.

Provide one good reason why we have to be worried about money when the potential to help save lives and stop this mass murder is at our fingertips. Decide to divest now, or learn to live knowing we did not fulfill our responsibility as leaders in this community and members of the global community to help stop this travesty.

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going back five steps and going ahead two (going to Hofstra and getting the Masters and THEN deciding I want to go to veterinary school). I would have felt extremely guilty if I went to Hofstra, got the masters degree in Journalism, and then not used journalism in my ultimate career. Granted, an education is never a waste, but I would have felt ashamed putting in so much time into a field when I would not have used it to its full potential.

When I called the Wescoe School the next day, I told them my situation and, before I knew it, I was registered at Muhlenberg again for classes starting in two weeks. Deciding to return back to campus for a couple more semesters was probably one of the best decisions I have ever made. Walking around campus every day makes me

feel as though I died and went to Heaven. All students who attend Muhlenberg are very fortunate to go to a college in which the faculty and staff care about the welfare of everyone. I could have taken science classes at other colleges, but I chose to return to Muhlenberg because of the genuine concern and care the college community displays.

After determining what I wanted to do in life, I came to the conclusion that I had to do what was best for me. No one was going to make that decision for me and, in the end, I was the one working to pursue that particular career. What better place than to return to a fantastic college, still hang out with wonderful friends, and pursue what I ultimately want to accomplish. More importantly, there is no shame in changing your mind

about what you want to do in life, especially if it is a decision that originated from your heart. Hamlet said it best, 'To thine own self be true.' There is an overabundance of stress placed on college students, especially as freshmen, as to what they should do with the rest of their lives. How can you enjoy and succeed in a career when you do not even like the field and were forced into it? Even though I have a B.A. in Media and Communication does not mean I can do something else outside of that field; wanting to pursue a career in veterinary medicine is an example of that. So, my advice to you, enjoy your time here. Fate

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works in many ways and everything will fall into place. If you focus too much on what everyone else thinks is best, then you will lose sight of what is important to you. And, in the end, isn't that what being an individual is all about?

There is a huge misconception amongst students of all years that you must find a job within your designated major or you can not change your mind as to what you truly want to study. I often hear students say, 'I knew from day one that I wanted to be a doctor (or some other profession).' There is a very minute amount of people who actually maintain the same career they initially intended on pursuing. Good for them! But for the rest of us, there is NO SHAME in changing your mind as to what path you yearn to follow! Currently, there is a 'Late Bloomers Revolution,' which arose from people in their early twenties to early thirties still trying to determine what they want to accomplish in life. In fact, it is better to take that extra time to determine what you truly want instead of making an error that will cost you the rest of your life.

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An Unfair Goodbye to Joe Torre

By Joe Beninati
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

This past weekend brought about the end of one of the greatest eras that can be witnessed as a New York Yankee fan. The team had the talent, they had the drive, and they had the excellent leadership that can win a championship. Unfortunately, one of the most important pieces of the puzzle is gone. Joe Torre, New York Yankee Manager and winner of 4 World Series, is no longer the manager and leader of the New York Yankees. New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner has long hated and scrutinized Joe Torre, one of the most successful baseball managers in the history of the game. The New York Yankees premature departure from the playoffs this year gave Steinbrenner the opportunity he needed to get rid of Torre. Instead of just firing him, Torre was offered a one year offer, with incentives for further years if he succeeded. Torre declined the offer saying it was an insult, and it is just that; an absolute insult to his character and achievements of Joe.

Torre's achievements stand for themselves: 12 postseason appearances, 6 World Series berths, 4

World Series Championships, and a .601 winning percentage. Compared to the previous ten seasons before him, his numbers are staggering. The ten seasons from 1985-1995 saw nine different managers, a vastly lower winning percentage, no American League East titles, no World Series appearance, and not even a playoff appearance. Joe Torre managed to do what nine others before him couldn't do. What's more impressive than these stats is the manner in which he started the Yankee Dynasty. He didn't do it with superstars; he did it with a bunch of players with heart. He instilled in them what it is to be a team, to pick each other up, and to give 110% in every game. He kept alive the professionalism in baseball. The players respected who Joe Torre was, and out of respect, kept the sportsmanship in baseball alive, when so many other players showboat and are sluggish on the field. It is a shame that such a winning coach and a man who demanded professionalism from his players be treated like this.

His influence spread not only to players, but also to fellow managers. Eric Wedge, the current manager of the Cleveland Indians regards Torre as one of the "classi-

est" and respectful managers. Torre gave Wedge a call after this year's American League Division Series, congratulating the Indians in beating the Yankees and wishing them luck. Wedge was touched by this, and said Torre should continue to manage as long as he wants. He is the example of how a manager should act. Even Terry Francona, manager of the Boston Red Sox, the Yankees biggest rival, said Joe Torre was one of the greatest managers and that every manager should try to achieve what he has done. Francona calls Torre not only a fellow manager but a good friend of his, and says it would be a loss to all of baseball if he does not continue to manage. Joe Torre's influence was felt all throughout baseball. His display of respect and sportsmanship proved him to be one of baseball's true exemplary figures. In a time when baseball has lost some of its legitimacy and its pride, Joe Torre stood out as a man that attempted to preserve the legitimacy of baseball, and instill its pride into every one of his players. Baseball needs people like Joe Torre, and the decision by the Yankees staff will not only hurt them as a team, but also the spirit of an American Tradition.

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And the best part is, because our school is as small as it is, chances are you already know and are friends with a female athlete, so the women who are playing are not strangers.

I take offense when I hear people complain that there's nothing to do at Muhlenberg on the weekends. Go to an athletic event! Support your friends and your classmates, please. I see plenty of people on Academic Row going to classes in Muhlenberg clothing, so it's not as if we're completely lacking in school spirit. I'm not saying you need to paint

yourself in cardinal red and grey body paint

in order to show some school spirit; I'm just saying it might be fun to go support our Mules with a group of friends. Think of it as another fun, maybe different, activity to do around campus. Perhaps it will open up new doors for other opportunities and experiences to have at the College.

Please, show your local Lady Mule some support and cheer her on at her next event. I'm sure she'll appreciate it, and you'll definitely have fun while watching. Remember to be loud, stay positive and have fun. Go Mules!

*Our female athletes
are just as devoted to
their teams at the
men's athletics are.*

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A Necessary Commitment

By Jacy Good
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

The American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment is a document outlining steps which must be taken by colleges and universities across the country in order to reduce their impact on global warming. Since the Commitment was introduced in October of 2006, four hundred and fifteen presidents of colleges and universities have signed the commitment, with that number rising every day.

Many of the signatories are major competitors of the college including Villanova, Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall and Ursinus College. Signing the Commitment declares a dedication to sustainability, binds colleges to conduct a Greenhouse Gas Inventory within one year and requires colleges to set a target date to achieve climate neutrali-

ty, among other smaller goals.

The Greenhouse Gas Inventory is a measure of all the carbon produced by the college, including driving done by staff and students, energy used in all dorms and energy used by all academic and other campus buildings.

Climate neutrality is the idea that colleges will ideally have no net greenhouse gas emissions. This means that the college reduces energy use as much as possible, and then purchases carbon credits (through companies that invest in renewable resources or plant trees) or generates clean energy on campus in order to have no net emissions. According to the Commitment, "in general, buying carbon offsets to achieve climate neutrality should only be done as a last resort." Muhlenberg College has the capacity to complete all of the requirements outlined in the Commitment.

The Greening Committee and ENACT have been working extremely hard on issues of sustainability for the past several years and it is time for the administration to become equally aggressive.

The has not yet signed the Presidents Climate Commitment. However, it has already taken many of the steps outlined in the Commitment. We have a campus committee (the President's Greening Committee) that supports sustainability.

Muhlenberg interns working with the help of the Alliance for Sustainable Communities and Cara Owens, Muhlenberg's Sustainability Coordinator, will have the Greenhouse Gas Inventory completed by the end of the semester. Fifty percent of the energy

used in the New Science Building comes from wind power. The vast majority of new appliances purchased are Energy Star certified. In addition, the college owns Graver Arboretum and the Raker Wildlife Sanctuary for a combined one hundred and three acres of woodlands. These trees sequester a huge amount of carbon, and the Greening Committee is in the process of measuring exactly how much.

Signing the Commitment is up to President Helm. The Greening Committee and ENACT support signing the Commitment. These two groups have been working extremely hard on issues of sustainability for the past several years, and it is time for the administration to become equally aggressive.

President Helm has declared that he is not against signing the Commitment, but he does not believe that the College

is ready. If the college wants to keep up with our competitors and fulfill the moral responsibility of being leaders in the community, President Helm must sign the Presidents Climate Commitment. According to the Commitment, "No other institution in society has the influence, the critical mass, and the diversity of skills needed to successfully reverse global warming."

For more information about the Presidents Climate Commitment, visit www.presidentsclimatecom-

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ARMY STRONG

Dining services opts for organic

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Last Mon., Oct. 8 the College hosted a Food Fair in Seegers Union to provide students with an opportunity to determine what types of food should be served on campus. The Fair offered a number of different sampling stations with a variety of foods and beverages including kosher foods, individually packaged pineapple wedges, organic mint water, and a variety of chicken products.

The Fair focused on providing mostly organic food because Dining Services recognized a need for an increased availability in its organic offerings. Ron Beigel, Manager of Dining Services and a coordinator of the event, explained that organic foods are "a growing market that dining services wishes to explore and expand."

Setting up the Food Fair required a lot of planning and marketing from Dining Services. Beigel explains that "setting up a date and time that made sense for the students as well as the purveyors of interest was the

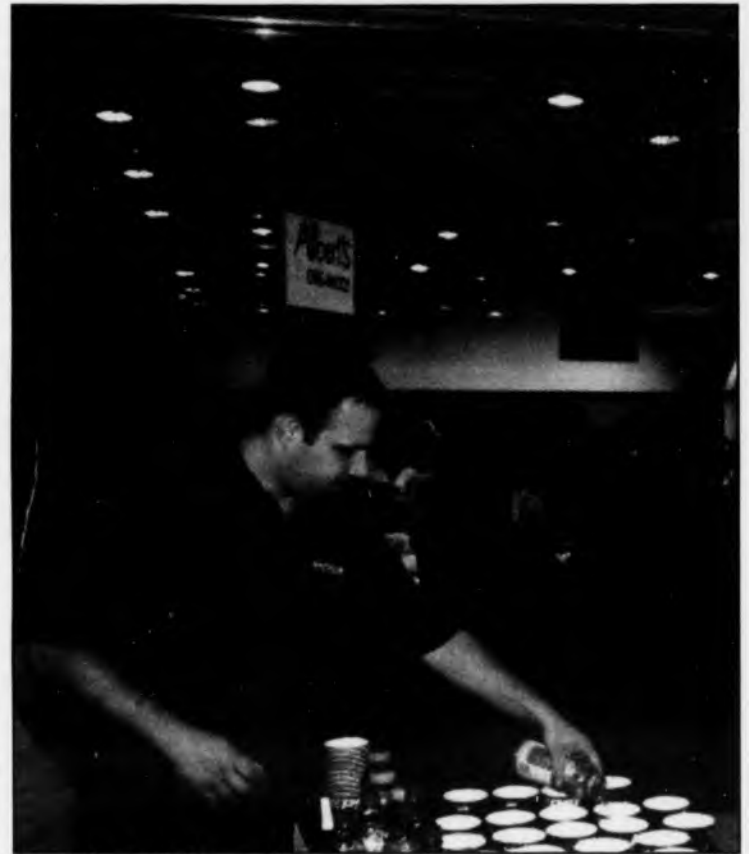
The fair offered a number of different sampling stations with a variety of foods and beverages.

most challenging piece." Although the Fair took a great deal of coordination, it was a great success with over 800 students who attended and filled out surveys. "Students, faculty, and staff came through and sampled food from the beginning to the very end of the event. A number of students even approached us to express how much they had

enjoyed the Fair," explained Beigel. Since the Fair was so well received, Beigel expects that it will now continue on an annual basis.

The feedback from the students, faculty, and staff greatly helped Dining Services to determine what additions to make to its campus food offerings. All of the stations were fairly popular but the most popular product category was the pre packaged pineapple wedge. General's Quarters will soon be offering this item as well as the snack pack of apple wedges.

The College has already begun using the chicken taco meat that was served at the Fair and will soon be looking into offering the kosher falafel mix. Dining Services hopes that these changes will add to the student body's satisfaction in the food offered here at the College.



Sampling stations allowed students to try many foods and beverages not usually found on campus.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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Girls on campus learn new ways to fight back

By Sara Horowitz
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Panhellenic Council and the Office of Greek Affairs held an event, "Girls Fight Back!" on Tues., Oct. 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Moyer Hall Miller Forum. Many members of sorority Greek Life came out to learn techniques on self-defense.

Although the speaker was sponsored by Panhel, the event was open to the entire campus. Sara Francella '09, a member of the Panhellenic Council, said, "I was glad Panhel brought a speaker like this one to the campus. Having a specialized program just for girls is very unique but also equally important to have on a college campus. Panhel knew this speaker would have a positive impact."

The speaker, Erin Weed, founder and executive director, started Girls Fight Back when her friend, Shannon, was murdered by an intruder who broke into her college apartment. Because Shannon was able to fight the intruder, there was enough physical evidence to lead the police to her killer. Girls Fight Back is meant as an empowering and motivational personal safety program for women. Girls Fight Back uses a unique approach in teaching women about personal security and self-defense. They use empowerment instead of fear, and simple techniques instead of complicated moves. The program is delivered in a fun, practical and down-to-earth approach to safety.

Weed's book, *The College Girl's Guide to Protecting Herself*, is loaded with information

on ways girls can protect themselves. In the book, it says that in college dorms, where there are communal bathroom with multiple showers, girls should make sure to shower next to a friend for safety reasons. She explains that predators will try to attack girls while they are most vulnerable, so keeping someone close by during these times will lessen the chance of an attack.

Weed is going on tour to promote her book and offer public seminars to about 20 schools nationwide in the next few months. Weed's main goal is to teach girls how to be their own best protectors while showing them how to reduce the risk of violence and fight back if necessary.




Amanda Glassman '08, said the speaker and demonstration made her realize how vulnerable we are and made me want more confidence in being able to protect myself. Erin gave great advice and made me feel better about being able to fight back."

This program follows one that was offered a few week ago when the group, One in Four, came to the College. They provided a Rape Seminar for fraternities and male athletics teams. One in Four's main goal is to decrease mens belief in rape myths and lower mens self reported likelihood of raping for an academic year. Jonathon Perkes '08 said the speakers also tried "to inform us on how to deal with and comfort a friend who might have been the victim of rape. The advice they gave was really helpful."

Both programs are an attempt to engage students in healthy standards of living and while educating men and woman on ways to stay safe on a College campus.

Girls Fight Back is meant as an empowering and motivational personal safety program for a woman.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Few Showers
High: 66 Low: 53	High: 70 Low: 54	High: 63 Low: 37

Council Corner

Get weekly news about what your Student Council is doing for you!

This Week's News:
Come to the first
Student Body Meeting
of this semester!

Join a Committee!
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Tuesday, October 30,
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The Great Room in
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Campus Safety Committee
encourages you to ride your bike
at school and help with the park-
ing problem, while staying envi-
ronment friendly!

Student Council
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7pm every Thursday in
the 3rd floor Haas con-
ference room.

Come check them out!

Sodexho goes green

By Alicia DiCristina
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Politicians, musicians, actors, and even Facebook.com are all stating ways in which they are working to become more respectful of the environment. With this recent emerging emphasis on "green" products and practices, students may be asking themselves how the College, and those affiliated with the College are reacting to this new movement in environmental improvement.

One response of note comes from Sodexho, the College's dining service provider. Sodexho has

recently changed the way in which dining services food is cleaned. This new "greener" mentality involves conversion to more environmentally friendly dishwashing chemicals, cleaning products and packaging. Ron Beime, the General Manager of Muhlenberg Dining Services, stated, "The decision was prompted by the Dining Services at the College's commitment to sustainability and wherever possible we are trying to reduce our carbon footprint. When the opportunity to switch to the greener chemicals presented itself we were one of the first in line in our area to make the conversion."

So what are the specific physical manifestations of this new system? And what does this conversion to "green" products mean to the actual student? Beime

As awareness for the environment increases within our society, Sodexho promises to continue to improve their dining practices in accordance with that increased awareness.

assures that impact will be minimal, stating, "What this means to the individual student is that the chemicals used to clean their plates, trays, glasses and silverware

will have less of a negative impact on the environment. The packaging of the product is even greener. Other than that there should be no noticeable change," said Beime.

In a press release issued on Oct. 17 by Sodexho administrators it was declared that Sodexho recently received the honor of being named Worldwide Sector Sustainability Leader by DJSI for the third consecutive year.

In presenting this honor, the Sodexho Company was described as having "achieved a top score in the environmental dimension. This is not only due to good reporting systems, but

also to a convincing performance in this area". The press release also contained praise for Sodexho's "food safety".

As awareness for the environment increases within our society, Sodexho promises to continue to improve their dining practices in accordance with that increased awareness. As new "green" products emerge they will be implemented and Beime assures that as technology progresses, so will Sodexho saying, "This is one step in many that have been made already and we will continue to look for additional opportunities as we move forward."



Members of the Women's Softball Team: Kailyn Bloom '08, Jennifer Rosenthal '08, Jenna Van Waalwijk '10, and Alyssa Epstein '11 sat at the Pledge Commitments table in Seegers on Mon., Oct. 22.

PHOTO BY BETH SCHWARTZ

CHOICE

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choices regarding their own lives.

A notable part of Choice Week is the Pledge Commitments that are available for students all week long to show their support of Choice Week by vowing to abstain from alcohol and other drugs this weekend or to use alcohol responsibly, or in other words, consuming no more than two drinks per night. Jennifer Rosenthal '08, a senior softball player, supports Choice Week, as she sat at the Pledge Commitments table, recruiting people to make pledges that they will make healthy and positive choices this weekend. "It's nice that Muhlenberg has a week where students are asked to abstain or limit their alcohol use," she says. "This week symbolizes

the great care that Muhlenberg has for student safety."

Also sitting at the Pledge Commitments table was Kailyn Bloom '08, another softball player and advocate of Choice Week. When asked why the Athletics department is a great sponsor of Choice Week, she said, "With all the drug and alcohol issues going on, especially in professional sports, the athletes at Muhlenberg feel it's our responsibility to inform students of the choices they have regarding evening activities at the College, especially non-alcoholic ones."

Some events this week include a Mock DUI, Recovery Speakers, "Drunk Driving" simulation with golf carts and a Library Display. All events are supposed to educate the College Community and promote safety as a result of positive choices.

FORUM

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ning for City Council had the most questions coming from students. The candidates had the opportunity to speak about their feelings on development within the city, maintaining Allentown's parks, reducing energy costs and the inequality of funding that is seen throughout the Allentown school districts.

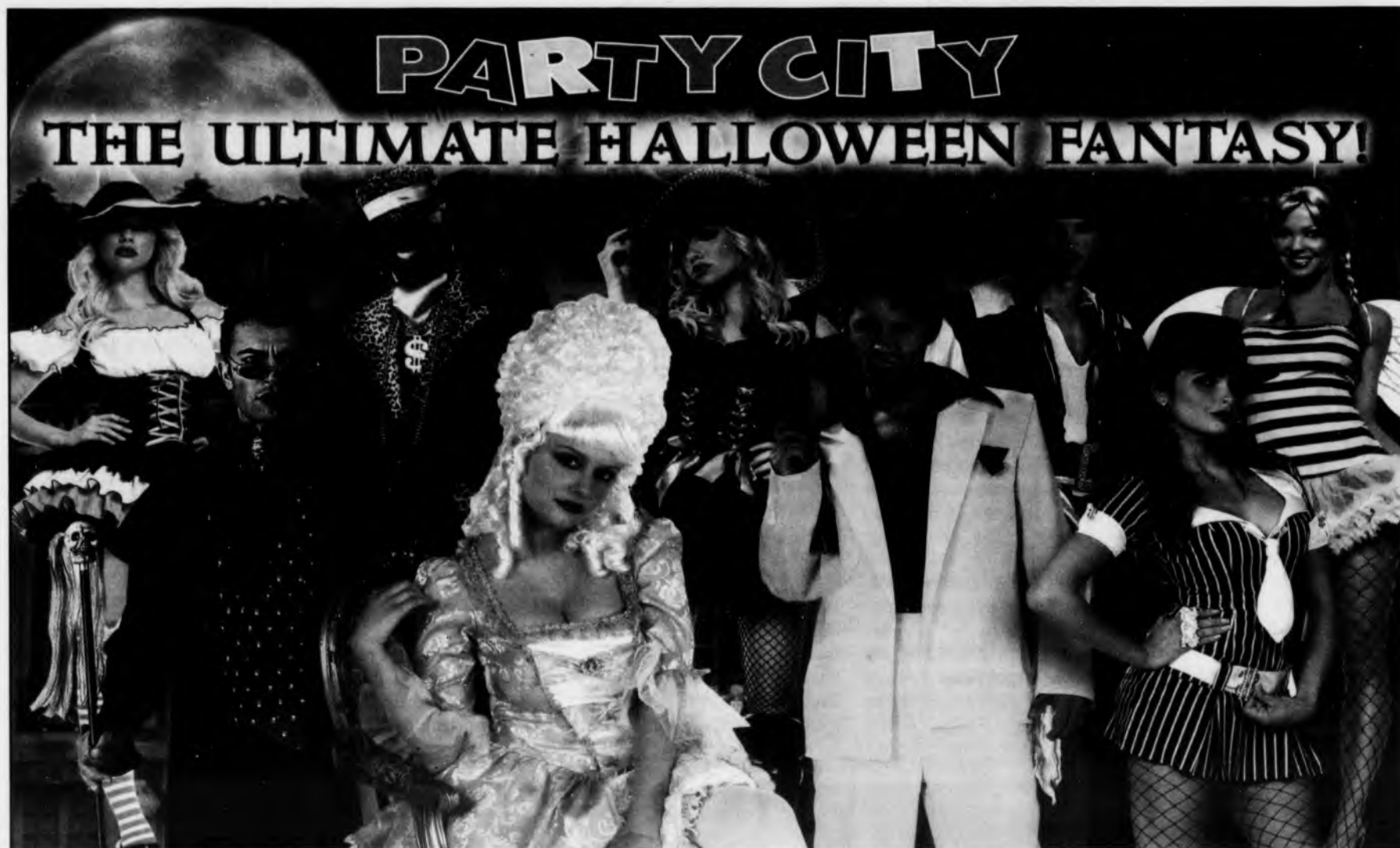
Shanker said, "I hope we can hold

more forums like this in the future. It is so important for candidates to hear concerns from young voters. We are generally marginalized from the political process because we vote less and donate less — but we still have a voice, it is just a matter of learning how to use it. I wish more students were registered to vote in Allentown. We live here for four years, and local politics DO effect us - students always complain about not liking Allentown,



Candidates were eager to share their campaign ideas on how to improve the environment and quality of life with students at the forum.

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 17 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A paper company truck hit the side of the Plant Operations building in the back drive.

Oct. 17 - Vandalism - The fence was damaged outside of the President's House at 339 Leh Street.

Oct. 17 - Theft - A gym bag was stolen from the Life Sports Center. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 18 - Disorderly Conduct - Campus Safety was called to the Liberty Street Tavern on N. 23rd Street due to an argument that had broken out between the owner, the doormen, and some students.

Oct. 18 - Hit and Run - One of the Plant Operations pick-up trucks was hit in the back drive by an unidentified individual's vehicle.

Oct. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm

went off due to cooking at 2214 Chew Street.

Oct. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to smoke from cooking at 2245 Liberty Street.

Oct. 19 - Injured Student - A male student punched a window on the third floor of the B Hall of East Hall. He injured his right forearm and was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 19 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to technical problems in the Life Sports Center.

Oct. 19 - Injured Student - A student cut her finger at 417 Leh Street. She was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 20 - Sick Student - A sick student from the 2nd floor of South Hall refused medical transport.

Oct. 20 - Injured Student - A student from the first floor of Prosser Hall cut her finger on broken glass from a picture frame. She was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 20 - Liquor Law - Students were found partaking in underage consumption of alcohol at 2245 Liberty Street. One student took responsibility for providing two kegs of beer. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 20 - Institutional Vandalism - A pumpkin was thrown through a window in the basement of Brown Hall. Plant Operations is now working to replace the window.

Oct. 21 - Fire Alarm Sounding - An unidentified individual pulled the fire alarm on the first floor of Walz Hall.

Oct. 21 - Noise Complaint - The Allentown Police received a noise complaint

for 418 N. 22nd Street. The residents of the house received a Disruptive Conduct Report and one student was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

Oct. 21 - Dispatch Code - Campus Safety was asked to check the property of a student from the first floor of Prosser Hall. She was worried that her property might have been damaged or stolen because of a dispute with her roommate. This matter was referred to Residential Services.

Oct. 21 - Liquor Law - A student from the first floor of Benfer Hall was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol.

Oct. 21 - Institutional Vandalism - Paper towel dispensers were torn down in the first floor men's bathroom in Seegers Union. There was also a large amount of vomit all over the stalls and

walls.

Oct. 21 - Theft - A skateboard was stolen from outside building #4 of The Village. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 22 - Institutional Vandalism - A student punched a hole in the wall on the fourth floor of Taylor Hall. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 415 N. Leh Street.

Oct. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn at 409 N. 23rd Street.

Oct. 22 - Theft - A student reported that her cell phone had been stolen off of the tables in Parents Plaza. There are no suspects at this time.

WEEKLY

Life!

"When you're young, your whole life is about the pursuit of fun. Then, you grow up and learn to be cautious. You could break a bone or a heart. You look before you leap and sometimes you don't leap at all because there's not always someone there to catch you. And in life, there's no safety net. When did it stop being fun and start being scary?"

-Sex and the City

Oren's Travels: Part 3

By Oren Smith
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Hello again! Wow, these last couple weeks have been so crazy! I had midterms last week and some big papers due the week before, but one good thing about traveling on weekends is that it forces you to avoid procrastinating. Last night, to celebrate the end of midterms, my CIEE program made a reservation for all of us at an Ethiopian restaurant called Kokob, and it was absolutely incredible. I had never had Ethiopian food before, and I was pleasantly surprised. Next weekend, our group is traveling to Normandy, but first, I want to write about my first trip out of the country of Belgium to The Hague, Berlin, and Luxembourg City.

Our CIEE trip to The Hague was really awesome. We went to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and watched part of a court hearing where two witnesses were thoroughly questioned. I couldn't imagine being one of the interpreters for the hearing, as nearly everything relies on their abilities to correctly translate every word the witness says continuously while they are speaking. Later in the day, we went to the Mauritshuis Museum, where many famous paintings by Vermeer (including the Girl with the Pearl

Earring) and Rembrandt were on display. It was really great to be able to appreciate such famous, fine works from up close. Afterwards, we traveled to the Dutch city of Delft, and we got to split up and explore. Some of my friends and I went on a couple of carnival rides, including one of those rides where you keep going around in circles rotating really fast and flip upside down, kind of like a Ferris wheel that whips you around. I could see the entire city from the top of the ride. If only I could have taken my camera on board to take a photo of all the orange rooftops! I think the funniest part of the day was that my friend Tory and I were mistaken for students from England by some people in a shop. For some reason, they were so surprised we were American!

During the last weekend of September, my friend Tim and I went to Berlin (a couple others with whom we were planning on going backed out last minute to go to Cologne instead because it was closer, but the eight hour train ride was totally worth it). In a matter of two days, despite poor weather conditions, we saw so many monuments and famous places, including but not limited to the Reichstag Building, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Berliner Stadtschloss adjacent to the Lustgarten, Checkpoint Charlie and

its museum, the opera house, several universities and churches, Potsdamer Platz and the Holocaust Memorial. My two favorites were definitely the Charlottenburg Palace and the Berliner Dom, the elaborate Protestant cathedral. They were breath-taking, and I just wish I could have spent more time at each of those

places. Berlin, as a city, wasn't particularly "beautiful" or "friendly." I think it had more of a powerful atmosphere than anything. Although we did go to a small fair and see a rollerblading marathon through the city, unfortunately, there wasn't much Oktoberfest happening there. I guess most of it is centered in Munich. Nevertheless, seeing Berlin was such a great experience, and it was moving to reflect upon its history and everything that has happened there.

Luxembourg City was also great! My CIEE group had a presentation



Above: Oren visits the Veves Castle. Below left: Oren in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. Below right: Charlottenburg Palace taken from across the pond.

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at the European Investment Bank by our hilarious tour guide. And we also had a guided tour of the city, which is characterized by its valleys and enormous bridges which traverse them. On the way home, we went to Vêves castle in the Ardennes region of Belgium, and I took the tour in French inside. It was so amazing to be inside a 13 century castle. Of course, due to the building's age, parts of it had been restored. We ended the day with a traditional Ardennes meal. Well, before I "overwrite" my welcome, until next time!



What was your name again?

By Alexis Kaczmarczik &
Rachel Grinenko
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

Sunlight hits your face and you hear birds singing outside. It's an absolutely beautiful morning. You smile and stretch out your arms before opening your eyes. But your left arm hits something. Rather, someone.

You look next to you to find some guy with his arm slung across your chest. He's snoring...loudly. You turn your head the other way and see your shirt on the floor.

You slide out from under his arm, still stamped with the 21 and up seal from the bar the night before. You collect your clothes as quietly as possible and, as you walk by the hallway mirror, you notice last night's makeup smeared down your face. Then, you prepare yourself for the long Walk of Shame home.

Welcome to the One Night Stand. The educational UrbanDictionary.com defines a one night stand as "hooking up with someone for one night of sex

with no strings attached and hoping to never see them again". Seems pretty simple: meet an attractive enough guy or girl at a bar, go back to their place, do the dirty, go home the next morning.

But what *exactly* constitutes a one night stand? Is it simply one night of sex with anyone, or do they have to be a stranger that you have never met before and never plan on seeing again?

The way we see it, there are three varying degrees of the one night stand. The first is the mildest form, one that probably doesn't even count as an ONS as all. It's when you have a friend or a person that you maybe made out with once or twice, and one night you happen to have sex. Most of the time, this doesn't result in much awkwardness. People have sex, whatever, it happens. The question is, does this *really* count as a one night stand?

After all, you have a basis of friendship not

built on sexual attraction alone. You genuinely like the person as a person, not as a potential hook up. There is the chance for awkwardness, true.

However, most of the time, both people are able to take the situation for what it was: one night of casual sex. After all is said and done, they can easily slip back into a platonic friendship.

The essence of one nighters is the fact that you just slept with a stranger. Which brings us to our second form: the I-have-a-class-with-you-but-we-don't-talk-except-for-that-time-we-went-home-from-Woody's-together.

Under whatever circumstances, you have sex with someone who you see around the campus or have a class with, but have never really talked to. Cut to your Monday 9 AM class.

They are sitting three rows behind you and you're wondering who, if anyone, will say the first hello. Is this a one night stand since technically, the

two of you aren't strangers? Or, *is* it a one night stand because you've never exchanged words except for "Do you have a condom?" Is there a difference between a one time sexual encounter and a one night stand?

This leads us to the rarest but purest form of one night stands. Sex with an absolute stranger; one that you've never seen before and will never see again. Someone you meet on a night that contained a mission. To get laid. Names aren't necessary, phone numbers are disposable, the words "I'll call you tomorrow" don't even exist.

The request for cuddling is enough to laugh at. And both sides are okay with this. Because an ONS is just that. One night only. One night of unapologetic, hot, carefree sex.

So when you're picking your shirt up off the floor after that one night, don't be ashamed. You're not the only person walking home with one earring missing, your hair a mess and your underwear in your purse.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

WHO IS YOUR HERO?



"President Helm"
-Alex Corgan '08



"Oprah Winfrey"
-Lauren Bernstein '10



"Audrina from The Hills"
-Amanda Glassman '08 and
Navah Meller '08



"Batman"
-Gabe Procaccino '10



"My Parents"
-Eric Stephenson '09

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



30 Days of Night

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

The Game Plan

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:00
Sun. 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Comebacks

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 1:40, 9:40

Michael Clayton

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:20, 7:20

Saw IV

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Sun. 2:00, 4:00, 7:00

Elizabeth: The Golden Age

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Rendition

Fri. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:40, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 1:30, 4:30

Dan in Real Life

Fri. 4:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Actress Isla Fisher, fiancée of "Borat" star Sacha Baron Cohen gave birth to their first child last Wednesday night. The couple had a baby girl, though no official information has been released regarding the child.

Actress Garcelle Beauvais-Nilon gave birth to twin boys, named Jax Joseph Nilon and Jaid Thomas Nilon. The actress has a son, Oliver, from a previous marriage, but the twins are the first children for her and her husband, Michael Nilon.

Britney Spears Update:

Last week Britney Spears lost all visitation rights with her two children due to continuing to ignore judge orders. Apparently, Spears did not get in contact with the people in charge of her drug testing, blaming it on poor phone reception and therefore never submitted to the testing that is being given at random.

In addition to this, Spears also failed to attend her meeting with her parenting coach, who has been appointed by the judge. The parenting coach even traveled to Spears' Malibu home in the hopes of con-

tacting her, but was unable to find her there. Despite all of these failures to follow the rules, Britney Spears has once again regained visitation rights with her two sons on Saturday, and was seen driving her children around with a court-appointed monitor in the vehicle as well.

Before regaining her visitation rights, ex-husband K-Fed's lawyer stated that she would regain them soon, displaying that they are not trying to end all contact between mother and children. Yet, Spears' failures to follow her rules have caused many to speculate whether or not she really wants to be involved with her children.

Current Events:

Kid Rock was arrested in a waffle house in Atlanta, Ga. for being involved in a physical fight. The fight began when a man eating at the waffle house recognized a woman in Kid's entourage, and from there a fight began. Five members of Kid's entourage were arrested for misdemeanor battery.

Massive fires have broken out in California, specifically in Malibu. Due to these devastating fires, which have been named the worst in history, many celebrities have had to evacuate their homes, including

Olivia Newton-John, Sean Penn, Mel Gibson and James Cameron. Due to these fires, famous rehab center to the stars, Promises, has also been evacuated.

Cameron Douglas, son of actor Michael Douglas, was arrested this summer, and is now possibly being charged with possession of liquid cocaine.

Magician David Copperfield has been accused of raping a Seattle woman who was in the Bahamas at the time. This accusation has led to FBI entering his warehouse in Las Vegas and seizing some of his property.

"The Hills" stars, Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt, filmed Heidi's music video on the beach this past week. Spencer himself filmed the video, as Heidi was seen rolling around in the sand and dancing.

Spencer filmed it alone, allegedly to save money, holding a boom box playing her music at the same time. This has led many to speculate about how serious and professional Heidi's musical debut will really be.

Kate Hudson and Chris Robinson's divorce has been finalized. Robinson filed divorce papers last year, amidst much speculation that Hudson was seeing Owen Wilson at the time.

The couple had a prenuptial agreement; neither is seeking spousal support and they will share joint custody of their almost four-year-old son, Ryder.

Troubled singer Amy Winehouse was arrested with husband Blake Civil-Lively in Norway. She was taken from her hotel and charged with drug possession.

She was later released with a five-hundred dollar fine, as the only drug that was found was marijuana. Apparently, the police were tipped off by an unidentified person.

Halle Berry caused uproar during a taping of Jay Leno's show Friday night. The pregnant actress was showing off pictures taken with her Apple computer which show her face distorted using the Mac computer program, Photo Booth.

In one particular picture, her nose is significantly enlarged, and upon showing the picture she stated, "Here's where I look like my Jewish cousin!" Apparently the audience did not find this funny, and when no one laughed, Jay Leno said, "I'm glad you said that and not me."

The word "Jewish" was taken out for the actual broadcast of the interview. Berry released a statement saying, "I so didn't mean to offend anybody."



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Digital Divide: Myth or reality?

By Kelly Cannon
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Given the broadband network connection most of us enjoy at school and at home, and the wealth of software and hardware at our disposal, we at the College are by several measures members of an internet elite.

Many people are not so fortunate. Some of the best research to come out on this subject has been done by Susannah Fox as part of the Pew Internet and Life Project. In a 2005 study, Fox found that the amount and type of internet access varies considerably, and remains a key issue in whether or not the internet can contribute to people's lives.

Moreover, the pattern of access follows the anticipated lines of race, class, education, and geography. Fox found that thirty-two percent of American adults, or about 65 million people "do not use the internet and not always by choice." The groups most lagging in internet access are the elderly, African Americans, and those with less formal education.

According to Fox, the internet elite are those with broadband connections at home (33% of American adults). A broadband connection at home dramatically ups the amount and quality of internet use, and thus the capacity the internet has for affecting a person's quality of life.

Lagging behind are the 40 percent of American adults with more modest connections and the 22 percent with no connection at all.

The truly disconnected remain entrenched. This number of 22 percent only decreased by 1 percent over a 3 year period. Age is the strongest predictor of this group, with non-internet use common among people age 65 or older. Income and education also play a major role. 71 percent of internet users in the highest-income households have a broadband connection, compared with 42 percent of lower income households. Broadband also significantly increases in household where an individual possesses a college degree.

According to a second measure, developed by Sonia Livingstone and Ellen Helsper, internet elites are those that not only have abundant access to the internet, but choose to use it, frequently and capably. In Livingstone's and Helsper's view, the most sophisticated internet users are those they call "all-rounders," people who use the internet with the most variety, to seek

information, communicate with other by email and chat, shop, play games and download music, author web pages, participate in surveys, send pictures or stories, or contribute to a message board, etc. These are people whose lives have been transformed by the internet not only because they have access, but because they put that access to use in varied ways.

Correspondingly, Livingstone and Helsper found that the digital divide is partly about personal choices. In their study on internet use by children, there appears the complicating factor of personal interest where an individual determines for various reasons that the internet is or is not applicable to them.

While nearly all young people in the study had some point of access to the internet during the day (very different from the complete lack of access found in adult populations), a significant portion used the internet far less than their peers.

Here are the reasons they gave, in order of prevalence, when asked "why they do not use the internet more":

I haven't got internet access
I'm not interested
I don't have time
It's not really safe
It's too expensive
My parents don't let me access the internet
I find it difficult/frustrating
It is too slow/keeps going wrong
I think people rely on computers too much
No reason given

One can quickly see that the digital divide, to the extent there still is one, persists for complex reasons that go beyond basic lack of access to include choices not to use the internet despite access.

However, Livingstone and Helsper are quick to point out that socioeconomic factors affect these seeming choices: children from households with higher incomes are more likely to take advantage of the internet in part because they have multiple points of access that would include school, home, and optimally their own room.

Quality of access can be seen to color the perception children would have of the internet, for example in saying that they didn't like the internet because it was "difficult/frustrating," that they didn't "have

time," or that the internet is "too slow."

This study confirms what several other scholars over the years have found, that even as internet access penetrates into underserved populations, "as the market continues to innovate," higher socioeconomic households "will maintain their position of advantage, first through gaining access and then through

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increasing the quality of that access."

Are there inherent differences then that fol-

low lower socioeconomic sectors when it comes to computer use, ones that couldn't be overcome by basic internet access? Not really. Livingstone and Helsper found that when low-income households managed to obtain high-speed internet access for their children, especially teen males, the class distinctions in internet use practically disappeared.

And how about race and ethnicity? Are there inherent barriers surrounding race that would reify the digital divide? In a 2005 study, Mossberger, Tolbert, and Stansbury reported that for Latinos race/ethnicity is still a factor despite controlling for poverty.

This may be related to language barriers, but presents us with an area of complexity in need of more research. For African Americans meanwhile, concentrated poverty is the prevailing factor in relatively low internet use; indeed, African Americans on the whole look more favorably upon technology than their White counterparts, in part because they see technology as a means to overcoming economic disadvantage.

Lack of health information and online support remains a major area of concern for underserved populations. A 2006 study by Lorence and Park observed entrenched areas of low or non-existence access to online health information largely due to poverty.

Underserved populations will benefit less from health information and from the support of their peers in online discussion groups and chat rooms.

Add to this the complication that when access is provided, less-educated populations are vulnerable to misinformation that could result in

dire health consequences. Here access is not itself sufficient, needing the addition of information literacy to help sort out misinformation.

The remarkable benefits of access to health information in a structured environment with access to medical experts can be seen in a study completed in 2006 by Shaw and Gustafson, et al.

This 15 year study found from working with a group of African American women in Detroit who all suffered from breast cancer that, once provided with internet access to an online information system called CHES, the women as a whole took readily to the system and benefitted in a number of ways.

They made less use of the online support group than did their white counterparts, but greater use of the self-tracking and decision-making devices related to their breast cancer treatment.

In other words, access to this online information system allowed them to take greater control of their health. Researchers noted that the speed of the internet connection played a significant role in the effectiveness of online access to the health database.

Those who had poor access could not benefit equally from the video clips women with breast cancer sharing their coping strategies. This concurs with what Susannah Fox found in her research for the Pew Trust, that people without broadband access are less likely to seek out health information online (2005).

The study by Shaw and Gustafson, et al also found that the digital divide is not as "monolithic" between minorities and Whites as one might think. African Americans, for examples, are more likely to have mobile phones, many of which are internet-enabled. This medium could be used to benefit a historically underserved population.

The digital divide is not a myth, but rather a reality that is shifting. Most people in the U.S. have the potential now to access broadband internet, but for economic reasons or personal choices or a combination of both do not access the internet to the extent that others do, and so do not reap the rewards.

There is no easy solution to this problem, because the causes are complex. What remains true is that the most educated and most affluent of our society tend to have better access to the internet, perpetuating a divide that is anything but virtual.

Tortilla Flat:

Unique and tasty but lacking that extra punch

By Alexis Resnick
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Located on Main Street in the historic town of Bethlehem is Tortilla Flat – a small restaurant specializing in traditional Mexican cuisine. With fair prices and equally fair cuisine, Tortilla Flat may not be the world's best Mexican restaurant, but it is worth the short trip for a chance to taste some authentic dishes right in the Lehigh Valley.

One weekend, as I walked down Main Street and saw all the charming, unique restaurants that line the block, Tortilla Flat stood out in particular. There was a large group of customers dining outdoors that all seemed to be enjoying their meals.

Not only were they enjoying their food, but also the ambience set by the Spanish classical guitar music that was being played. I immediately decided that I would come back and check this place out.

The following weekend upon walking into Tortilla Flat I was quickly greeted by bright, vibrant colors that decorated every inch of the small, cozy restaurant. Lights streaming from the ceiling along

with hanging paper displays in all sorts of colors gave the restaurant a warm, inviting atmosphere.

The chairs were painted in colors like blue and orange, adding a feeling of fun to your dining experience. The restaurant was divided into two separate rooms – both very picturesque for dining.

While the one room seems to have bursts of color, the other room is slightly more subdued, with Mexico-inspired murals and faux bricks painted on the walls.

The first room has a small bar where they serve up margaritas, daiquiris and Mexican beers. It is definitely a Mexican themed restaurant and all of the décor reinforces this, adding to the overall experience that diners get at Tortilla Flat.

To begin, similar to many other Mexican restaurants, we were served a basket of homemade tortilla chips and a huge portion of fresh salsa.

The tortilla chips were standout quality – very light and crispy without being too greasy. The salsa was very fresh, but lacked the kind of punch that I was expecting for a traditional salsa.

When looking over the menu, I noticed there were many traditional Mexican dishes that I had never tried along with typical crowd favorites like tacos, burritos, fajitas and taquitos. A staple at our table seemed to be the fajitas which again seemed very fresh but were missing the extra spice that I was looking for.

The chicken taco was a combination of shredded chicken, lettuce, tomato and cheese. The chicken definitely could have used more flavor, but the overall dish was tasty. However, the burrito managed to capture the authentic mix of flavors I was hoping to taste in the rest of the dishes.

For those of you who would like to try a couple different things, let me recommend the Combo Platters which allow you to mix and match the typical tastes of Mexican cuisine.

The rice and beans provided a nice accompaniment to the meals and I was able to taste all of the different ingredients that went into the beans, making it very flavorful and fresh.

For those who would really like to

get a taste of authentic Mexican food, Tortilla Flat offers a number of dishes like Arroz con Pollo, Carne Asada and Carnitas. The Mole Poblano also delivers the traditional flavors of Mexico – chicken topped with a deep brown sauce that combines ancho chile, chocolate, herbs and spices.

Although some food lacked in flavor, the guacamole was a definite table favorite. The guacamole highlighted the freshness of the ingredients used as well as the intricacy involved in combining all the flavors just right.

I highly recommend ordering a portion of the guacamole to eat with your tortilla chips or to add to many of the other meals which you may find need the extra punch of flavor.

Tortilla Flat serves up some fresh and tasty Mexican favorites at a reasonable price, with dishes ranging from \$9 to \$15. The margaritas were a little pricy at \$8 a drink, but even with that said, this restaurant makes for a good Mexican meal in an extremely unique setting that I am yet to see matched in the Lehigh Valley.

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Defensively Inclined

Mule Profile: Maura Hendsey

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Senior Maura Hendsey was ecstatic to come play soccer at Muhlenberg. She had always been geared to play at the collegiate level, but unfortunately her high school team in East Windsor, CT would never give her the competitive edge that she desired.

"My high school soccer team was horrible," she sighed. "My high school was tiny and my town doesn't have a travel soccer program, so as you can imagine we weren't very successful. My freshman year we were 0-16 and I think our best season was 6-10, which will probably go down in the East Windsor history books. Although it was very frustrating, it gave me a lot of practice as a defender."

"Needless to say I was very excited to come to Muhlenberg and play on a competitive soccer team."

Her expertise as a defender was well-earned, and in a most unusual way: most of what she knows is self-taught information. Coming from a losing program, Hendsey was constantly up against talented teams, whose attack she had to learn to break on her own. She relied on no one else but herself, and made it her duty to become a great defender.

It would later serve her well as a Mule. Since her freshman year, Hendsey has started in every single game and has undeniably contributed to a forceful and successful defensive unit.

She has been playing her current position since she was very young. "I play right back. It's my job to defend the opposing team's forwards and also to join in on the attack. I started playing defense when I was about 11 or so because I was one of the fastest on the team and could catch people, and have been playing there ever since," she said.

As early as her toddler years, Hendsey was constantly around soccer and proved to be naturally talented with a soccer ball when she was just three years old. "My father coached my brother's rec team when he was 5, and since I tagged along to all of the practices anyway, he was able to get me on the team," she recollected. "I was only 3 at the time, so I guess I've been playing soccer for quite a while."

Even as a youngster, she was just as fast and as quick as the boys she played with while she split her time between three activities: soccer, gymnastics, and track. Hendsey was a competitive gymnast for ten years, but ended up quitting in high school to pursue soccer and track.

"Soccer has always been my favorite sport," she said. "I love the feeling of accomplishing something with a team. I was a gymnast, and also ran indoor and outdoor track, which are primarily individual sports. I started out doing track just as a way to stay in shape for soccer, but ended up really enjoying it. I actually considered running track in college, but after playing soccer in the fall I decided it would be nice just to have some time off."

Hendsey lives a busy life, so time off is something that she cherishes. She is a double major in Mathematics and Economics, and aside from varsity soccer, she participates in SAM, SAAC, peer tutoring, and the math club.

After she graduates, Hendsey hopes to continue playing soccer for fun, possibly on an adult team in her home state of Connecticut. "Some of my friends in CT play in adult leagues now, so I shouldn't have a problem finding a team. Also, in the future I might be interested in coaching soccer at the high school level."

In addition to the bright life she has lived so far at Muhlenberg, it appears that Hendsey already has a bright immediate future to look forward to. After an actuarial internship with ING in Hartford, CT last summer, she was offered a full-time position upon graduating in the spring. "I have to decide by November 15. I've been applying to other jobs, but I will most likely accept ING's offer," she said.

But before she can even think about life after college, she has a successful last soccer season to complete. "We have a really good team this year, probably the most talented team we've had in my four years here, although it doesn't quite show in our record," she said. "All season we've been struggling with finishing games in the second half. Multiple times, we have let a lead slip away in the final minutes of the game. We just switched to a new formation, a 4-4-2, which will hopefully suit our team better."

"It would be really nice to win the Centennial Conference," Hendsey continued. "That would be a great way to end my college soccer career. We have come close in the past, and I think that this could be our year. If we win the rest of our regular season games we should be in third place for playoffs, which puts us in a good position. Now we just need to work on finishing out the season strong..."

Her hopes for this season are similar to those she had last year, which she recalls as her most memorable 'Berg Soccer moment. "Last season as a whole was pretty memorable," Hendsey said. "We had lost three games in the Conference and the only way to make playoffs was to win the rest of our games, which seemed somewhat doubtful at the time. [But] we ended up going on a 10-game winning streak in October and made the playoffs. That was really exciting...especially beating Gettysburg. It was the first time that we've beaten them since I've been here."

Hendsey continued to gush about her fun times with the soccer team. "Another highlight of my Muhlenberg career was our trip to Italy, Holland, and Germany the summer before my junior year. Despite playing beastly women and getting absolutely killed in every game, the trip was a blast."

Thinking about parting with those memories wouldn't be easy for anyone; with difficulty, Hendsey reflected about her future without her teammates. "I will definitely miss the girls. Our team has become really close over the past couple of years. We sometimes joke that we're obsessed with each other because we spend so much time together, both in and out of soccer. Mostly I'll miss my teammates, but I'll also miss playing soccer competitively. I know of leagues around my area where I'll still be able to play, but I know that it won't be the same."

Hendsey finds it hard to believe that this is her last season.

"After playing four years of college soccer I've learned that four years flies by! As cliché as it sounds, it feels like just yesterday that I was joining the team as a freshman. It's hard to believe that four years have gone by and that these are the last few weeks of my soccer career."

With such an outstanding record here at the 'Berg, it's certain that in her last few weeks, Hendsey will continue to exhibit her profound knowledge of the game.



Maura Hendsey has started every single game at Muhlenberg since her freshman year. She continues to be a huge component to the Mules defensive unit.

Women's Soccer scores 7, Men's Team continues winning streak

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg Soccer Teams look to gain momentum, but it won't be easy.

On Wed., Oct. 10, the Women's Soccer Team took on a tough opponent in Swarthmore. The Mules were able to take the lead on a goal from freshman Valerie Patriarca, who converted on a penalty kick at the 58:21 mark. Unfortunately, it would be the only Mule goal in the game, as Swarthmore's stifling defensive play that has served them well all season would allow no more goals. Swarthmore was able to tie up the score on a header that went just past sophomore goalie Kate Morrissey. So into overtime it went. With 4:24 left to play in the first overtime, Swarthmore scored off a deflected shot after a corner kick, taking the victory by a score of 2-1.

A few days later on Sat., Oct. 13, the Mules looked to put their loss behind them and tackle Johns Hopkins. Sophomore Kasey Hacker and her twin sister Kimberly teamed up for the first goal of the game, with Kasey recording the goal and Kimberly the assist. Their lead held for most of the game, but the Blue Jays came back, scoring three goals in just 15 minutes. They took the momentum and the game, 3-1.

Looking to snap their two-game losing streak, the Women's Team traveled to Bryn Mawr on Oct. 17, and this time they would win in decisive fashion. The game remained scoreless until Patriarca, no doubt the star of this match, found the back of the net 30:41 into the game. But she wasn't done. Just 43 seconds later, she pounded in another off a pass from sophomore Christina O'Grady. Finally, 48 seconds after her second goal, Patriarca topped off the hat trick with a header into the net, assisted by sophomore Jayne Condon.

Patriarca wasn't the only Mule to record a goal in the scoring frenzy. Freshman Rachael

With the end of the regular season in sight, the

Goldstein scored to give the Mules a 4-0 lead. Later, Kasey Hacker along with freshmen Diana Ortiz and Christine Van Hise rounded off the scoring, and finished off Bryn Mawr by a score of 7-0. Their seven goals are tied for the third highest in team history.

Fresh off their impressive win, the Mules looked to finish off Franklin & Marshall on Oct. 20. While the Mules outshot their opponents 15-7, they lost a heartbreaking game, 1-0, as Franklin & Marshall scored with 22:01 left in the second half. Now 7-5-3, 4-3-1, the Mules have dropped to seventh place in the Centennial Conference.

The Men's Team has also been busy these past couple of weeks, as they faced McDaniel on Oct. 13. They outshot the Green Terror badly, but were unable to score until senior Jonathan Kliewer put them on the board with 6:16 remaining in the game. The defensive play of both teams was tough, as sophomore Samuel Hayden saved a would-be goal for the Green Terror to keep his Mules locked in a scoreless battle. Kliewer's goal proved to be the difference, as the Mules shut out McDaniel 1-0.

Next up was The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), a team that was ranked seventh and would be a test for the Mules. Sophomore Eric Miller opened up the scoring for Muhlenberg after receiving a pass from fellow sophomore Brendan Carroll. TCNJ tied up the game late in the first half, but the Mules came out hard in the second. Freshman Mike Williams ran up the field and gave the ball to Miller, who took a shot that was deflected off the Lion's goalie. The ball was then nudged in by freshman Evan Rubin. Senior Karim Assous made an outstanding defensive play, and senior goalie Peter Bennett held the Lions to a single goal, as the Mules went on to win 2-1.

After upsetting TCNJ, the Men's Team kept its momentum going. Playing against Haverford, the

Mules recorded yet another shutout win, this time by a score of 3-0. Junior Greg Leischner converted a pass from junior A.J. Barnold for the first goal of the game. The second came from Miller off a long pass from junior Billy Dalton. Sophomore Samuel Hayden, who was recently named Defensive Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference, knocked in the third goal with a header off a corner kick from junior Steven Tenenzapf. The Men's Team is on a tear as they will try to build on their five-game winning streak in their final games of the regular season.



Freshman Valerie Patriarca recorded a hat trick in an impressive victory over Bryn Mawr.

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Rugby Team captures the #1 Playoff seed

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Women's Rugby Team went into their last game of the regular season undefeated, and they held up their perfect record by beating Lehigh 43-10. Lehigh was also undefeated before their loss to Muhlenberg. Christie Pfeiffer ('10) and Daniella Goodarz ('09) each put two tries on the board for the Mules. Jenny Cohen ('09), Diana Canzoneri ('10) and Hannah Winckelmann ('11) scored the other three tries. Deborah Crockett ('10) put up another eight points by making four of her seven kicks. Hayley Kreiger was also a key player throughout the game. Kreiger made many runs with the ball, gaining yardage for Muhlenberg with each drive.

Freshman Stacey Wallstein was also able to carry the ball on multiple plays, blowing past Lehigh players all the way down the field.

As a result of their hard work, commitment, and team unity, the ruggers are going into the playoffs holding the number one seed. The playoffs are being held November 3rd and 4th at Gettysburg College and will consist of two rounds. If they can win the playoffs, the Muhlenberg Rugby Team will move up a division, and also get a chance to play in the championships in Boston. This is the first time in five years that the Muhlenberg Women's Rugby Team has made it to playoffs, and they hope that through their effort and hard work they can continue to hold their undefeated title.



Junior Daneilla Goodarz blows past Lehigh.

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Separation Saturday Part II:

Week 9 of College Football

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

2 Boston College @ # 8 Virginia Tech

Well, the weekend starts early, as this game is on a Thursday Night, but we'll forgive the ACC this once. Although this game is being touted as the biggest game of the week, I just don't think it will live up to the hype. Everyone is saying that Boston College is going to lose a close game to the Hokies, but I just don't see it happening this week. Virginia Tech is playing at home, and they have one of the best atmospheres in college football. Their defense has played well, and they always have great special teams. They also have one of the worst offenses in the country, ranking 112th in total yards. Looking at Boston College, they have a Heisman Trophy candidate in senior quarterback Matt Ryan, who has thrown for 17 touchdowns and 6 Interceptions. Their defense is good enough to hold the non-threatening Hokie offense, and they have a running game decent enough to set up play-action pass. I just don't think this will be a good game, but it will be a chance for Ryan to have a Heisman showcase game.

Prediction: Boston College 24, Virginia Tech 13

1 Ohio State @ # 25 Penn State

This is another one of those games in which

everyone thinks it will be close, and that Penn State will win and finally end the talk of Ohio State returning to the National Championship Game. My question is, how will Penn State move the ball? Morelli is improving, but he isn't as good as Locker, Hoyer, Bacher, and Painter, and those are all quarterbacks the Buckeyes have shut down. The Buckeyes also just shut down the best rushing attack in the Big Ten, and possibly in the country in Michigan State. Not to mention, I believe the Nittany Lions are vulnerable against the run. If they allow running back Chris "Beanie" Wells to run the ball even half as well as he did against Michigan State, they will lose big. If linebacker Dan Conner and the PSU defense can force turnovers, they can win this game; but even if they do, they have to make sure not to give away the ball, and unfortunately they have Anthony Morelli vs. the Buckeye Defense.

Prediction: Ohio State 27, Penn State 16

#12 USC vs. # 5 Oregon

To quote Averman from *D2: The Mighty Ducks*, "The Quack Attack is back, Jack." Southern Cal is finally going to get a quality opponent in the Oregon Ducks (Sorry, Nebraska doesn't count...), and they will be playing on their turf. As of now, we don't know if John David Booty

or Mark Sanchez will start for the Trojans at quarterback, but I don't think it will matter. The Trojans are very young, and even though they are beginning to get healthy, the Ducks are too strong for them in this game. Quarterback Dennis Dixon should be in the Heisman discussion; he has been an incredible presence for the fashion-challenged Ducks. He is a dual-threat, and has great patience and poise. They also have a great running game, as running back Jonathan Stewart ran for over 250 yards last week, and has 940 for the season thus far. The defense is banged up, but at this point, the Trojans are too young AND too hurt to beat a veteran Ducks team that is one of the best in the country.

Prediction: Oregon 38, USC 34

Parents Weekend Sports Schedule

Football

Sat., Oct. 27 vs. Dickinson, 1:00 P.M.

Cross Country

Centennial Conference Championships,

Sat., Oct. 27

Field Hockey

Fri., Oct. 26 vs. Gettysburg, 7:00 P.M.

Women's Soccer

Sat., Oct. 27 vs. Gettysburg, 7:00 P.M.

Men's Soccer

Sat., Oct. 27 vs. Ursinus, 3:00 P.M.

Volleyball

Sat., Oct. 27 vs. Gettysburg, 12:00 P.M.

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Runners make their mark at DeSales Invitational

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Muhlenberg Cross Country, after taking a two-week break coming off its strong showing at the Paul Short Run, picked up where they left off. On Sat., Oct. 13, the team headed into the DeSales Invitational for their final invitational meet before the Centennial Conference Championships, scheduled for Sat., Oct. 27.

The Men's Team, ranked seventh in the Mid-east Region after the Paul Short Run, had another strong showing at the DeSales Invitational, finishing fourth. The teams to top their score of 86 were New Jersey, Salisbury, and Swarthmore, but all of the top four teams were very close. Leading the men was once again junior David Chorney, who crossed the finish line in sixth place. Behind him was sophomore Patrick

Thornton (16th). Freshman Adam Kingsbury (19th) rounded off the top 20 finishers for the Mules.

The Women's Team didn't disappoint, either. Placing third out of 23 complete teams, the women finished only behind St. Thomas (Minnesota) and Washington and Lee (Virginia). Leading the way for the Mules was senior Sara Gearin, who finished in fourth place, her best showing to date. Earlier in the season, Gearin placed seventh at the Lehigh Valley Championships, and was able to top that solid performance at DeSales. Running just behind Gearin was freshman Abby Simons, who placed 17th out of 203 total competitors.

Overall, both teams have had an impressive season, and look forward to finishing the year strong at the Centennial Conference Championships.



Freshman Adam Kingsbury finished in the top 20 at the DeSales Invitational.

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Volleyball plays in California sun

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Volleyball team was busy over Fall Break. While

the majority of us returned to our homes, the Lady Mules traveled to California to take on two teams: Pomona-Pitzer and Claremont. In the match against Pomona, Megan Young led the team in both assists and blocks with 13 and 3, respectively. In the match against Claremont, Megan Young had 15 kills and Phylcia Lee had 13. Both California teams beat Muhlenberg 3-0.

Upon arrival back home, the Mules synched a win against Bryn Mawr in a 3-1 match. This was a difficult game for the Mules, however, because their starting setter was out. Senior Megan Young and sophomore Brittany Williams took over the setter position and had a combined total of 38 assists. Senior Jess Anselmi had 18 kills and sophomore Liz Leslie spiked another 11.

At their final away game, The Mules lost a match in four games to Franklin & Marshall. The Mules defense was outstanding in this game; four players had digs in the double digits. Megan Young had 24, Phylcia Lee had 21, and Megan Eiser and Christina Cangelosi both had 18.

This week, the Mules will take on Ursinus and Gettysburg at home.

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Ground game tramples F & M, Mules 7-0

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Junior tailback John DeLuca stole the show again, as he ran for a career-high 188 yards and two touchdowns, running up his total to 908 rushing yards and 9 rushing touchdowns (he also has 1 receiving touchdown and 1 passing TD). He also has a lot of help from the people around him. Offensively, the Mules were steady once again, as they had three different players, including DeLuca, score on the ground, and quarterback Eric Santagato played efficiently, as he went 12-18 for 168 yards, and no interceptions. What was even more amazing was how this offense stole more thunder from another impressive performance from the defense. However, with the amazing prowess of the defense, it was hard to steal all of it.

In the 31-0 victory, the Mules recorded their 4th shutout of the season, and held Franklin & Marshall to

151 yards of total offense, and only 25 rushing yards on 33 carries. The defensive performance also led to 7 sacks, including 1.5 sacks by senior captain Dustin Good, as well as 14 tackles for loss. All these numbers continue to add up, as the Muhlenberg Defense has had a banner year, allowing only 37 points in 7 games, just over 5 points per game.

The pollsters again have noticed the Mules excellence, as they moved up in the Division 3 Coaches Poll to 20th. The last three games will provide the stiffest test for the Mules, as they face Dickinson, Ursinus, and arch-rival Moravian in the final three weeks of the regular season. Their combined record is 18-4, and they are all still in the hunt for the Centennial Conference Championship, as well as the Division 3 Playoffs. Next week, Dickinson comes to Muhlenberg for Parents Weekend, game time is at 1:00 P.M. over at Scotty Wood Stadium.



Junior John DeLuca ran 188 yards and scored two touchdowns to secure the Mules a win against Franklin & Marshall.

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Senior Kelly Shetron currently leads the team in assists. She had 2 assists and one goal on Wed.

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Field Hockey falls from 5-0 to 6-2

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

A lot has changed with the Field Hockey Team since the Muhlenberg community left for Fall Break last week. The Mules had been tied for first place in the Centennial Conference with #7 Johns Hopkins (7-0) until the two teams met in Baltimore on Sat., Oct. 13.

It was there that the Mules suffered their first Conference loss to the Blue Jays, 4-1. The only goal came from sophomore Nicki Notarianni in the middle of the second half. Presently, Hopkins continues to lead the CC with a record of 7-0.

The situation became brighter for the Mules on Wed., Oct. 17, when they played a non-Conference-away-game against the University of Scranton. The team was able to come home victorious in a 3-1 win. Senior Kelly Shetron contributed in some way to all three goals, securing

two assists as well as her own goal in the first half. Sophomore Kristen Sabia and senior Nikki Rhoads also scored, each one off of a Shetron assist. At the moment, Shetron holds the record for most assists on the team this season; she is also ranked 2nd in Muhlenberg Field Hockey history for assists in one season.

The Mules started out on Sat., Oct. 20 with a Centennial Conference record of 6-1, which was good enough reason to be hopeful for another Conference win against Franklin & Marshall on the road. However, the Diplomats were able to score twice during the game - goals which were unanswered by the Mules. The team returned home on Saturday night with another loss.

Currently the Mules are tied for 3rd place in the CC with Gettysburg, who they will play at 7p.m. on Fri., Oct. 26 at home. For the second week in a row, the team will be forced to play in a showdown for their current Conference standing.

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Former Congress members give guidance to students

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

As part of the College's Campus to Congress program, two former members of Congress, Republican Mickey Edwards and Democrat Romano Mazzoli, visited campus Oct. 28 through Oct. 30. The congressmen attended classes, an informal lunch to discuss current political issues, and a Career Center event to give advice on careers in public service.

Congressman Edwards, an Oklahoma native, was always fascinated by the American government. As a child he had a strong interest particularly in the American Revolution and hung up posters in his room of Revolutionary heroes like Ethan Allen and Patrick Henry.

He was always extremely passionate about government and held a strong belief that the government should not be used for dictatorship. His interest and involvement in politics stemmed from his own personal beliefs and passion for the subject. Edwards earned a B.A. in journalism from the University of Oklahoma and then went on to the Oklahoma City University School of Law to receive his law degree. He served as a special legislative consultant to the Republican Steering Committee in 1973 and was elected to Congress in 1977 where he served for sixteen years.

Congressman Mazzoli's induction into the world of politics was slightly different from Congressman Edwards. Mazzoli described his involvement with poli-



Congressman Mazzoli, left, and Congressman Edwards, right, enjoyed visiting the College and discussing their careers with students interested in public service.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

tics as more "accidental". As a young man, he was drafted into the army where he served for two years until 1956. He then attended the University of Louisville Law School because his father had always wanted him to be a lawyer.

Mazzoli soon became fascinated by the life of President Kennedy. He explained, "For the first time in my life, I saw a young person who could be a leader." Kennedy inspired Mazzoli to become involved with politics and in 1967 Mazzoli ran a "rag tag" campaign for the Kentucky State Senate and won. Mazzoli explained that "once you get involved with the political world, things start to happen." Soon enough, a seat in the House of Representatives opened that Mazzoli ended up occupying for twelve years.

Mazzoli was responsible for authorizing the Immigration Reform and

Control Act of 1986 which basically stated that all employers had to be presented with documentary proof of legal eligibility when hiring immigrants. Mazzoli explains, however, that this bill has not been enforced the way it should have been because of political considerations.

Immigration reform is an issue that he believes many college students should consider. Mazzoli believes that additional resources at America's southern border along with compliance from employers to check the papers of their employees will help to combat the problem of illegal immigration.

Congressman Edwards also stated that foreign policy is another issue that students should be aware of. He explained that "American foreign policy

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Reconstructing Parents' Plaza

By Ally Margolis
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Many students, faculty, and staff are familiar with Parents Plaza, located outside of Seegers. This location is constantly filled with people sitting at picnic tables or benches, or just walking by gazing at the array of outlandish banners.

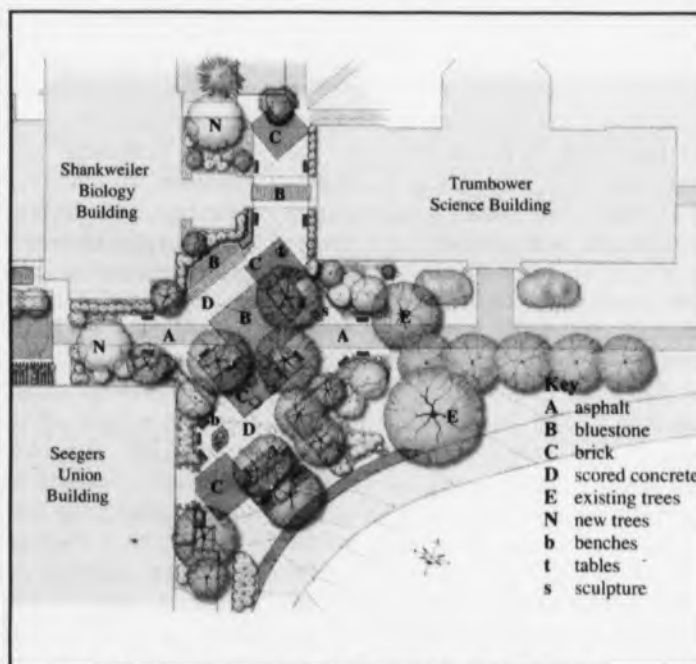
Students and faculty often gather under the shade of this tree infested area to meet up with friends. Here, members of the community are bound to run into at least one person they know while just walking through or taking a seat underneath the colorful signs and posters.

Parents Plaza, built over twenty years ago, has received much discussion about its future design plan. David Rabold, Capital

Projects Manager, stated that the campus' "outdoor living room" needs to be reconfigured "in order [for it] to properly relate to the surrounding buildings which have changed over the years."

The architectural firm Carter van Dyke and Associates was selected from a variety of other firms for their particular plans to reconstruct Parents Plaza. The plans seen in Seegers or on the web allotted this firm the winning schematic design. Faculty, staff, students, and trustees are asked to give their input on the plan's development.

Comments received from online surveys will be taken into consideration upon the finalized design of Parents Plaza. The school can expect to see this by the start of the 2008 school year.



A plan of what Parents' Plaza will look like after construction.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY DAVID RABOLD

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Extra, extra, read all about (Br)it

We are pretty sure a majority of students on this campus have not yet heard about the fires in Malibu, California, or if they have, they have only been concerned with the celebrities who lost everything, not the hundreds of everyday people who were also part of the devastation. The overwhelming amount of celebrity news that invades our culture these days is astounding. For example, most college students know every single detail of Britney Spears' custody battle for her children – which she should lose, by the way – but no one bothers to brush up on the real news that's happening as well.

We wonder why our society is so fascinated by celebrities; then cringe with guilt because we too encourage this obsession with our weekly column. However, we stay abreast of current news, which is unlikely of most people our age. Is it because classes, work and other activities zap so much energy and require so much focus that students do not have time to care? Or is it that school is so removed from the outside world that there is no real connection to the pain?

We, as journalists, have to stay connected for the sake of our paper, but we believe college would be a much more well rounded and frankly, a more interesting place, if the majority of students did so, as well. Honestly, there are only so many conversations one can have about Reese Witherspoon's love life before it becomes incredibly dull. We know there are students on this campus who care about issues, and care deeply; we just wish that passion could extend to all of us. If it did, we feel that students would not only find their everyday conversations blossom, but their daily experiences at the College deeply enriched and satisfying.

What would happen if Garden Room table conversations turned to topics like war, global warming or presidential elections? We know many of these issues are discussed in class, but once in a while would it hurt to discuss these pressing matters with a group of friends? Internet news websites and television stations turn celebrity gossip into hard news stories and this in turn, forces students to do the same. Maybe, it is the media's fault, or maybe it's the busy, never ending life of a student and maybe its even the enabling *Weekly*. Perhaps, it's just that times, well, they are a-changin'.

Only serious candidates need apply

By Kyle Miller

WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Stephen Colbert's campaign for "truthiness" in America has lead to his knee-jerk entry into the race for President of the United States; apparently the idea 'only serious candidates need apply', no longer exists for the most powerful office in the world. Colbert, the Comedy Central channel's fictionally funny faux news anchor, has declared that he will be a candidate for both the Republican and Democratic nomination in his home state of South Carolina. Mirroring comedian Robin Williams' movie, *Man of the Year*, Colbert places himself in the role of Tom Dobbs, late-night political talk show host turned political candidate. What is scary is that Dobbs, like Colbert, never thought he would win, but did. Although the chances of Colbert winning are slim,

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By Amy Cohen

WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

I love capitalism. It is one of our country's core values, right up there with liberty and freedom. The competition and freedom of the market-based economy goes beyond the inherent financial system of our country and helps define us as Americans. However, I do not like capitalism when it interferes with my Facebook.

This past week Microsoft bought shares of Facebook, giving it commercial access to the site and the freedom to sell advertising space to companies. Most of the boring and politically correct business market sees Facebook as a giant opportunity to reach a customer base that is intent on announcing to the world the intricacies of individual personality. Basically, Facebook is like a giant focus group minus the two-way mirrors, the discussion facilitator and most importantly, the necessary funding.

So I'm left wondering, is there

Justice finally served



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

From my perspective there are currently plenty of injustices in the world of sports. The Boston Red Sox have won two World Series in my lifetime, the Jets are 1-7 and the best player on the Yankees just decided that getting 30 million dollars a year wasn't quite enough. If it wasn't for our football team being 8-0, I would have a tough time keeping my sanity.

Yet, none of the previously mentioned injustices compare to the injustice another athlete Genarlow Wilson received from the state of Georgia over the past few years. If you don't know the details of the case, here is a quick synopsis:

Wilson was a student-athlete being recruited to play football at a number of colleges; a kid with a bright future ahead of him. As a 17-year-old, he

was convicted of aggravated child molestation for having consensual oral sex with a 15 year old. The girl involved in this case has repeatedly stated the act was consensual, yet since she wasn't 16 years old, she is not legally able to give consent. Again, Wilson was only 17 years old at the time. When convicted on this charge, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with one year of probation. Due to a very odd loophole in the Georgia legal system, which has since been corrected, had Wilson actually had intercourse with the girl, rather than oral sex, he would have only been subject to 12 months in prison. Another note to show you how ridiculous certain laws were in Georgia: until 1998, oral sex was punishable for up to 20 years in prison, even if it was between husband and wife.

Wilson refused to take a plea bargain to cut his term down to 5 years. Why? If he accepted, he would have been forced to register as a sex offender. He wouldn't have even been able to live at home with his 8 year old sister. Good for Wilson. He shouldn't have been forced to live under that label the rest of his life or for any period of time. Keep in mind the ages of the two people involved in this case. Imagine a senior and junior in high school going through these events, and then the senior being classified as a sex offender and child molester.

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Let me enjoy my facebook, please

anything sacred left? Facebook was originally created as a giant social network that gave college-aged kids a way to meet each other with similar interests, keep in touch with friends at other universities, and interact with their peers. Personally, it has provided endless hours of entertainment as well as increased my procrastination abilities. Does any of this sound like it would fit in with consumerism?

I recently was in Disneyland over fall break. I walked ten full minutes through a maze of stores, most of which had nothing to do with Disneyland or Mickey Mouse, before I even got to the ticket booth. I was bombarded by makeup, clothes and perfume. With each step the magic and fantasy of Disneyland dwindled to the point of frustration. I was supposed to be fulfilling a necessary experience of my childhood and instead I was being steamrolled by capitalism. Was this a disappointing realization? Definitely.

Clearly, the appeal of a website that has an abundance of personal

information for college-aged kids has an undeniable appeal to advertisers. Microsoft now has access to who we are, our interests, and what we like to buy, as well as the freedom to sell that information to the highest bidder. The advertising possibilities are endless.

The business elite do not care about the original principles of Facebook. Instead they have turned Facebook into an information feeding frenzy for corporations. Individuality is no longer celebrated as the characteristics that set us apart from our friends. Individuality is being used as a tool for capitalism. With every profile update we are unknowingly defining ourselves further as consumers and secondly as individuals.

If it was up to me, I would keep advertisers off of Facebook. Nevertheless, I am an American. Capitalism, with its intrinsic freedom and competition, is celebrated by the culture that I belong to. With

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Global warming: A world in need of understanding

By Joe Beninati
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Global Warming: an idea that dominates the minds of environmental activists that is on the priority list for all politicians and that is on the list of concerns for the entire world populace. We are told to change our light bulbs and any home appliance to earth friendly ones. Corporations around the world are doubling their efforts to create products that are friendly to the environment. Now, this is great and we need to keep doing this to create better air for us to breathe and create a better standard of living; but it does seem very arrogant to think that these past few years of trying to better the environment can reverse hundreds of years of industrialization and putting pollutants into the air and ozone. To say the effects of global warming are unavoidable is certainly news many people would not like to hear, but prominent scientists, including James Lovelock, believe that global warming is inevitable. These scientists believe the human race is on the brink of destruction and by the end of the century the 6.6 billion world population will be decimated to just over 500 million. Extreme weather conditions have already been documented: the freak tsunami, flooding and wildfires. Lovelock believes these will continue along with food shortages. These food shortages and dramatic weather will drive various populations from their natural borders into other territories, which raises tensions that spark violence. The violence will ignite intense wars in the midst of severe weather and food shortages, all resulting in almost 6 billion people dying. Lovelock states, "you could look at climate change as a response of the system to get rid of an irritating species: us humans." Much like dinosaurs, the other dominant species that once roamed the planet, humans will have to endure dramatic changes to climate and our habitat. But unlike the dinosaurs, humans have the

means to survive such a catastrophic event. We have the intelligence, now we need the understanding between nations. We need peoples across the world to be accepting in dire times and put the fate of humankind above the self interests of their nation.

If Lovelock's prediction is correct, by the year 2100, 6 billion people on this planet will die from food shortages, extreme weather and above all, violence. Some would argue that this prediction is absolutely ridiculous, and that very well may be the case, but global warming is certainly happening, and it appears to be getting worse despite our efforts. Lovelock's prediction thus will serve as a warning that should be heeded by all. If such a disaster were to happen, I personally do not have the faith in mankind to unite instantly to save us all. It takes time to break severe nationalistic sentiment, and if by chance the food shortages force a mass exodus from China north into Siberia, the Russians are not going to take that well, and war would be inevitable. It is this course that will doom mankind. We need to come to the understanding that no matter how powerful, rich, or intelligent a nation is, it is not as important as the welfare of the human race as a whole. The time is now to begin to accept other nations. I am not asking countries or peoples to give up their independence and unite with everyone. I am only asking, or rather suggesting, that it is necessary for nations to become less selfish and self interested, and during dire times, to accept the responsibility to help fellow men and women survive. Our fate does not have to be the same as other extinct races. We have the adaptability and intelligence to survive changing weather patterns, but we cannot outlast our biggest enemy: ourselves. If we do not become more understanding and accepting mankind will have much more to worry about than rising temperatures and severe weather; our own survival is at stake.

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To make a long story short for the sake of article space, people found out about the injustice and began fighting for Wilson. ESPN began rallying support, legal teams began working on his behalf and even former President Jimmy Carter wrote a letter in his support. Finally this past week, the Georgia State Court ruled Wilson had been subjected to cruel and unusual punishment for his crime and released him...after 4 years in prison. Four years is still a long time, yet unfortunately Wilson is only 21 and now finally has the opportunity to go to college.

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this freedom comes the freedom to ignore. So I will ignore the advertisers of the future in my small but individual attempt to make my point known. If I want to know about a product I will look it up, but please don't shove it in my face and ruin a good thing.

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the attention a campaign would bring is still an important issue. Some

would argue that his presence brings a much needed comic relief from the seriousness of the presidential campaign; however, it is an unnecessary distraction from the decision between an already ambiguous field of candidates.

There are many issues facing the infant candidacy, as in its legality and legitimacy, which have the potential of stopping his campaign before it even begins. First, there are multiple issues with running for both the Democratic and Republican nominations, one of which is that the party must consent to the candidacy after the proper paper work and fees are presented. Federal election laws have also spoken on corporately sponsored candidates. Television air-time would be an issue, similar to the case of former Senator Fred Thompson who was frequently seen on *Law and Order*.

It is a fact that the *Colbert Report*, the wannabe candidate's news program, as well as John Stewart's *Daily Show*, have over taken regular news outlets as the source of news for many in the younger generation. In an already divided country, these shows have not only entertained this crowd, but studies conducted during previous elections have shown that they have ingrained viewers with more cynical views and less trust in the government and electoral process. This is not to say that the system does not have inherent problems, however, a Presidential campaign founded on enhancing these problems for personal profit and public pleasure leads toward no solution.

Colbert is in fact capitalizing on the current attitude of the American people and their dissatisfaction with government and politicians. Currently, the President has an approval rating of about 35% and the Democratically-controlled Congress has an approval rating of about 22%. The current feeling of many Americans is that the government has done little for them in the past few years, and that the direction in which the country is headed is the wrong one. What the American people need is a candidate who can work to restore faith in the presidency and in government, rather than lampoon and profit from these weaknesses.

There is an important balance between humor, comedians, comics and artists who entertain and politics, politicians and the government. Colbert's entrance into the real world, maintaining the aspects of his fictional news character, represents a violation of this balance. Colbert will be mocking the system while participating in it and degrading the office of President while seeking it. The problems which our country faces today are too great to ignore and too important to impugn. Hopefully Colbert's candidacy will be short-lived, limiting the spread of his ignorant political excrement.

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has no guiding philosophy and no consistency." He believed that America must understand that it does not need to impose itself onto every other country and that we should be much more cautious about using military force.

Mazzoli agreed with Edwards that we tend to be a lot more reactive than proactive. He believes that this has a lot to do with our current President's managerial policy which is to act first and think later. Edwards asserted that American foreign policy should always be about American self interest, however, this also means America's long term self interest.

By using what Edwards calls "soft power", using other ways to promote democracy without using military force, the country would end up benefiting a lot more in the long term.

Mazzoli and Edwards both stressed the importance that college students become aware of these issues and make an effort to become more politically involved. Edwards explained it as the difference between being a subject and being a citizen.

He said that "as citizens we all have a responsibility to be alert and aware of what's going on in our country. Younger citizens need to stop hiding behind their technology, go beyond their iPods, and step up to the plate." Edwards believes that a lot of times the new technology of our generation can work as a disadvantage. For instance, he explains how the internet often times will distribute completely inaccurate information. "Forget the internet! Call up an organization and ask how you can get involved. Don't hide behind your computer screen," said Edwards.

Mazzoli takes a slightly different stance by suggesting that we somehow must meld modern day techniques along with political activism to involve younger voters. "There is a responsibility of the candidates to appeal to younger voters and take down the barriers that might keep them from voting", said Mazzoli. He sees the civic responsibility more as a reciprocity between the voter and the candidate.

Although Mazzoli under-

stands the potential and appeal of involving new technology as a way of connecting to the younger generation, he still understands its limitations. Both Mazzoli and Edwards recognize the importance of the traditional newspaper. "I would hate to see newspapers go, to me that is a unique medium to get information out to people," said Mazzoli.

Edwards also explained that an important news story that might only get three minutes on TV, would get a long, thorough article in the newspaper. "Getting away from newspapers would make us a much less informed country," said Edwards.

Edwards and Mazzoli encourage students who are interested in a career in public service to reach out and become involved in the political world. Mazzoli advises having an attractive resume and also to start networking. He suggests looking up people from the College who now live in D.C. Edwards and Mazzoli both advise to be prepared at first to do the sweat work. "I hired a woman from Connecticut to work at a desk job opening mail and she ended up moving up the ladder and becoming my Chief of Staff," explained Edwards. Mazzoli agrees that if an employee can prove his worth at the front desk and develop attributes like good writing skills and work ethic, than s/he will go far. These skills, along with other qualities, are extremely important for developing a successful political career.

Edwards, who now teaches at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of International and Public Affairs, said that the first word he always writes on the board when beginning to teach is 'passion'. Edwards said, "You first must ask yourself - what am I passionate about? Is there some injustice that I see happening in the world that I want to change? Politics is about making change."

Whether encouraging change by embarking on a political career or by voting in the upcoming election, the students at the College have the power to become involved and passionate about our country. The Campus to Congress program is about showing students that they do have the power to create an awareness among themselves and their peers about political issues.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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Council Corner

Get weekly news about what your Student Council is doing for you!

Look for new signs in the GQ to show you what you need to pay cash for.

Athlete Auction Dinner!
November 7, 2007
7:45pm, Hoffman House

Student Council Regular Meetings are at 7pm every Thursday in the 3rd floor Haas conference room. Come check them out!

This Week's News:

Join a Student Council Committee!
All committees meet in the Student Council Office in Seegers Union, unless otherwise noted.

Who will be the first ever...

Muhlenberg Idol?

Coming soon!

Technology: Wednesday at 6:00pm
Athletics: Wednesday at 6:00pm
Finance: Mondays at 5:00pm
(Fulford Room of the Library)
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(Campus Safety Office in Prosser Hall)
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Seegers: Wednesday at 4:30pm
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Nationals suspends Alpha Epsilon Pi

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Operations for the Alpha Epsilon Pi chapter at the College were suspended on Sept. 25. The suspension was put into place by their Nationals, not the College, and will hold until at least the year 2010.

While there have been numerous incidents over the past four years with individual members of the fraternity, it was the College's decision to revoke the chapter's house this semester after a violation of the terms in their lease that initiated the most recent investigation held by national headquarters.

According to Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, the only involvement the College had with the incident was notifying Nationals of the loss of housing for the chapter this year.

He also said that the College was disappointed to hear that the chapter was being suspended because there were so many leaders from the fraternity who had put in endless amounts of efforts to turn around the chapter.

This decision was not based on Alpha Epsilon Pi

as a whole, but on the fact that the individual acts of its members were not improving despite the efforts of the management policies being put into place. The suspension was an act of safety and prevention.

Incidents were always presented to presidents of the fraternity as violated actions made by specific members, and never as the fraternity as a whole. If the College wishes to expand

the Greek Organization in the year 2010, Alpha Epsilon Pi will be given full consideration to once again hold a chapter on campus.

After the decision of suspension was made, alumni

Even though the fraternity was suspended due to the acts of individual members, as a whole, the chapter did contribute to the College community.

of the fraternity were all contacted with a letter from Jachimowicz and informed of the situation. In the letter, he explained the situation and expressed his regret in having to deliver the disappointing news after having worked in an attempt with Nationals for several years to bring the fraternity into line.

Even though the fraternity was suspended due to the acts of individual members, as a whole, the chapter did contribute to the College community. Annually, the fraternity held a golf outing which raised money for the Camelot for Children, a non-profit organization for seriously, chronically and terminally ill, handicapped or disabled children.

In addition, the fraternity helped to organize and set up a breast cancer fundraiser at the restaurant Bacio,

and also assisted in raising \$1,000 along with Alpha Chi Omega for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. They also participated in the Greek Community Clean Up.

In addition to these philanthropic achievements, the fraternity is happy to announce that two of this year's seniors have already been offered jobs at Deloitte and Touche, which is *Business Week's* number one company to begin a career.

The past few years have been challenging for the fraternity, especially for those few members who have dedicated themselves to bettering their chapter's image and status.

Penny drive for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

By Jamie Schneider
EDITOR IN CHIEF

This semester, the members of Cystic Fibrosis on Campus (CFC) have decided to focus on awareness of Cystic Fibrosis and fundraising to benefit Cystic Fibrosis research. The organization will be having a spare change drive that will be used to signify how far the efforts of members of the College community can go. Donation jars will be located at tables in Seegers Union and at Java Joes.

A milk and cookie and guitar hero night will kick off Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week on Mon., Nov. 5. Each cookie will be accompanied by a fact about Cystic Fibrosis. Tuesday, the movie *Alex the life of*

a child, a made-for-television movie about a girl with Cystic Fibrosis will be shown. Wednesday night there will be a Cystic Fibrosis benefit concert in the lobby of Seegers Union. On Friday the coins and cash collected throughout the week will be changed into pennies and used to line Academic Row along with facts about the disease.

All money raised throughout the week will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. "Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week is our way of getting the word out about Cystic Fibrosis, educating people, and getting information into the heads of students at the College. We're looking forward to a fun and successful week ahead," said Joe Armenti '10, CFC President.

MCEMS prepares for disaster



PHOTO BY MEREDITH CLINTON

By Meredith Clinton & Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS AND ASST. NEWS EDITORS

Last Friday during 'Choices Week' MCEMS and Muhlenberg Counseling Services sponsored a "Mock DUI" event in order to show students the many consequences of drug and alcohol abuse. During the mock DUI, the driver of one of the vehicles was arrested by Muhlenberg College Police Department, one driver was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead, the other two vehicle occupants were critically injured and required a complex extrication and rescue by Allentown Fire Department and rapid stabilization and transport by paramedics from Cetronia Ambulance Corps and City of

Allentown EMS.

The mock DUI was also used as a means to better prepare members of MCEMS to set up the Incident Command System that would be used in a large scale incident. This drill also helped MCEMS members interact with other outside agencies which they would work closely with in the event of a disaster on campus.

This initiative has been in response to the events of last April at Virginia Tech in which MCEMS has been preparing for a similar incident on campus and has initiated extensive training and drills to simulate the response to a large scale incident.

This Saturday, Muhlenberg College EMS will be the host of the

Lehigh County EMS Alliance "Mass Casualty Incident Response" course and all of its members will be in attendance. Membership has been working hard to improve MCEMS' capability to respond to a Mass Casualty Incident on campus by updating our protocols, working closely with other partner responding agencies, and training/drilling our membership in these tactics. "Through our partnership with Muhlenberg College Health Services and Muhlenberg College Department of Campus Safety, we hope to be a major contributor in ensuring the health and safety of all members of the College community," said Les Polk, Captain of MCEMS.

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Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 23 - Theft - A student's iPod was reported stolen from the Lehigh Valley Ice Hockey Center. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 23 - Injured Student - A student reported cutting his right hand with a pocket knife. He refused medical transport to the hospital.

Oct. 23 - Injured Student - A student from the second floor of Walz Hall hit his head on the door frame. He was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 24 - Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - A group of students were found with drug paraphernalia on the first floor of C Hall of East Hall. These students will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 24 - Institutional Vandalism - A student drove over the lawn area with his vehicle and caused severe damage to the lawn at 2206 Chew Street.

Oct. 24 - Injured Student - A student walking up Prosser Drive tripped and fell. He refused medical transport to the hospital.

Oct. 24 - Suspicious Activity - A student reported that another student from the second floor of A Hall of East Hall posted a picture of himself on Facebook.com with a handgun. The picture had not been taken on campus. Campus Safety interviewed the student and found nothing suspicious. The student has now removed the photo from Facebook.

Oct. 25 - Suspicious Person - Three males were seen hanging out on the second floor of Brown Hall. Only one of them was a registered guest at the College. They will be receiving letters of trespass.

Oct. 25 - Vehicle Violation - A neighbor complained about a vehicle parked outside of his house. The vehicle ended up belonging to a freshman student at the College. He will be receiving a letter from the Dean of Students Office asking him to remove his vehicle from campus.

Oct. 25 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle in The Village parking lot was booted for having an excessive amount of parking fines.

Oct. 25 - Disorderly Conduct - An intoxicated student was found at the Liberty Street Tavern urinating on the side of the building. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 25 - Theft - The Alpha Chi Omega House was egged by an unknown individual. The letters were also stolen off the house. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 26 - Vehicle Violation - A student drove across the lawn to get into the Brown/Walz Fire Lane. Campus Safety is in the process of identifying this student.

Oct. 27 - Theft - A student left his wallet on a table in the dressing room of the Empie Theater in the Center for the Arts building. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 27 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in the mailroom of the Plant Operations building due to a dirty detector. This detector has now been replaced.

Oct. 27 - Injured Visitor - A visitor lacerated his elbow and his hip at the football stadium. His family

transported him to the hospital.

Oct. 27 - Elevator Problem - The elevator in Seegers Union stopped working in between floors. The fire department responded and got the individuals out of the elevator.

Oct. 28 - Liquor Law - Five underage students were found consuming alcohol on the fourth floor of Martin Luther Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 28 - Theft - An unknown individual took parking signs off the streets of Allentown and placed them in a student's room on the third floor of Taylor Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 28 - Liquor Law - An intoxicated student was found at 2263 Turner Street and transported to the hospital.

Oct. 28 - Liquor Law - An intoxicated student was found on the third floor of Walz Hall and transported to the hospital.

Oct. 28 - Disorderly Conduct - A group of

students were fighting on the second floor of Prosser Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 28 - Disorderly Conduct - Three students were fighting on the second floor of Walz Hall. Two of these students will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 28 - Residential Policy - There was excessive trashing of the hallway on the first floor of Prosser Hall. A student ripped apart a large sized stuffed animal and left its stuffing all over the hall.

Oct. 28 - Theft - A box of T-shirts and cookbooks for the class of 2010 was stolen from Seegers Union. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 29 - Disorderly Conduct - An inappropriate message was written on a white board on the fourth floor of Taylor Hall.

Oct. 29 - Theft - A bike was stolen that was left unlocked at the bike rack outside of the new Science building. There are no suspects at this time.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is made up of small pleasures. Happiness is made up of those tiny successes. The big ones come too infrequently. And if you don't collect all these tiny successes, the big ones don't really mean anything."

-Norman Lear

Phi Kappa Tau lends a helping hand

Last week the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity volunteered and organized activities at the Jefferson Elementary School. Phi Kappa Tau also participated in an Allentown Community Cleanup where they picked up trash and debris around the College.

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Friday, Nov. 2nd

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Eye it, don't try it

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

We're going to start this article with a little story.

Mad River. In my opinion, one of the best bars in Philly. Dancing downstairs, lounge upstairs, right off Penn's Landing and all in all a guaranteed good time. I was there about a month ago when I met a guy and some harmless flirting ensued.

Harmless flirting quickly turned into suggestive flirting, which even more quickly turned into things getting a little touchy. It was at this point that my friend pulled me aside and whispered something in my ear.

"Lex, he has a girlfriend."

Apparently, one of his friends had let my friend in on that little secret.

I turned back to the guy, Ryan was his name, and smiled.

"Do you have a girlfriend?"

His face fell before he

recovered with a guilty smile.

"Yeah, I do."

"K bye!" I grabbed my drink and my friend and I walked away.

The following Monday I was at work exchanging weekend stories.

"...so it turns out that this guy was totally 'flirt cheating' on his girlfriend," I told them, conjuring up a term that best seemed to fit the situation.

The ladies in the office seemed intrigued by this new phrase and the weekend conversation quickly turned into one about the ups and downs of "flirt cheating."

"Flirt cheating" is strictly a don't ask-don't tell situation. First, let us clarify that flirt cheating is neither sexual, emotional or physical. It is strictly the act of letting off some flirting steam when you're not with your significant other.

Sometimes when you're

out alone with your buddies or girl friends, you just need to know if you still got it. Enter flirt cheating. This is not to say that when in a relationship, you should allow your flirting to cross any lines.

Remember that while you're out harmlessly batting your eyelashes, your boyfriend could very possibly be a few bars over getting eyelashes batted at him.

There is a risk of a double standard occurring because when you and your significant other are out together you should be confident that you only have eyes for each other and should never let them wander as you would when you were "flirt-cheating." Just realize that while you're out alone and allowing yourself to flirt cheat, your boyfriend or girlfriend has every right to do the same.

It's easy to get caught up in flirtatious behaviors when you're out with your

single friends. Often, your friends are trying to hook up and need you as a wingman. While your friend is chatting up the attractive guy across the room, you have to keep their slightly less attractive friend occupied.

You're prepared for this friend to hit on you, but you maintain respect for your boyfriend while still taking one for the team.

A distant relative of flirt cheating is a little thing known as window shopping. In this case, there is no actual conversation, just the act of looking. Just because you're taken doesn't mean you're blind. We were once told, "The day you stop looking is the day you die." So go ahead and window shop and flirt cheat. Just don't let it cross any lines.

So what if the combination of your push-up bra, low cut tank top, inappropriately short skirt and heels turn the slightly less attractive friend on? A little blue balling never really hurt anyone, and neither did eyelashes.

LOVE
&
LIFE

Penn masterfully directs *Into the Wild*

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

For ten years Sean Penn has been trying to adapt Jon Krakauer's best seller, *Into the Wild* for the big screen. For ten years the parents of Christopher Johnson McCandless refused to sign off on the project. The world should be thankful for the McCandless' eventual support, because without it, we would not be able to experience this beautiful, wrenching and emotional tale.

Sean Penn, making his forth directorial effort, masterfully tells the story of Chris McCandless.

Chris, portrayed remarkably well by Emile Hirsh (*The Girl Next Door*), literally burns his life savings, leaves his current life behind and heads out west. What he is

viewer, and maybe even to himself.

Into the Wild is told in a series of flashbacks. The story begins at Chris' college graduation and we see that he is not happy with his current lifestyle. As the film progresses, we become aware that Chris runs from his parents' abusive and violent relationship.

On his journey, Chris crosses paths with many different characters, and touches their lives in unique ways. Some of the people Chris meets are hippies played by Catherine Keener and Brian Dierker, a farmer played by Vince Vaughn and a lonely old man named Ron Franz.

Hal Holbrook makes his much overdue return to the big screen as the lonely old man. It is possible that the short amount of time Holbrook spends on screen evokes emotion that the

film produces. Holbrook gives one of the most memorable supporting performances of the last decade and for that, will earn many best supporting-actor nominations.

What makes this movie so special is how Penn tells the story. He uses very little dialogue for a two and a half hour movie.

Instead, he utilizes stunning visuals of landscape and the mysterious and soothing soundtrack, voiced by Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder, to guide us through Chris' journey. In some ways, the landscape and music become characters themselves.

Unfortunately, due to the length, subject matter and limited release of *Into the Wild* it will not gross much money at the box office.

But those who have the opportunity to see this uncompromising, unsettling and uniquely satisfying movie will come away with the understanding that life is short, and we should make the most of it, through love, forgiveness and understanding. This is definitely a movie worth seeing.

AMC Weekend Listings



American Gangster

Fri. 2:30, 6:30, 10:00
Sat. 2:30, 6:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:30, 6:30, 10:00

Bee Movie

Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Sat. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15

The Comebacks

Fri. 3:50, 6:45, 9:15
Sat. 3:50, 6:45, 9:15
Sun. 1:30, 3:50, 6:45

Dan in Real Life

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

The Game Plan

Fri. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:10

Martian Child

Fri. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:00

Michael Clayton

Fri. 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 12:50, 4:20, 7:30

Saw IV

Fri. 4:30, 7:45, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:45, 10:10
Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:45

Emile Hirsh (The Girl Next Door), literally burns his life savings, leaves his current life behind and heads out West. What he is searching for is unknown to the viewer, and maybe even to himself.

searching for is unknown to the the majority of

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Almost seven months pregnant Nicole Richie was spotted smoking in public this week. This has caused a vast amount of upset, as it is well known how unhealthy it is for a pregnant mother to smoke.

There has been speculation that actress Cate Blanchett is expecting another baby. The Australian actress was seen showing off quite a prominent bump in her stomach. Blanchett already has two children with husband of ten years, Andrew Upton.

Current Events:

Oprah Winfrey's school in Africa has been hit with very serious allegations regarding a sort of abuse evoked on the students, both physical and sexual. The South African school has faced other problems, as well. Since its opening parents have believed the school was too strict on the girls.

Though these new allegations have caused Winfrey to fly to South Africa for emergency meetings twice in the past week, she has already

hired counselors, and is vowing to help the girls. At the emergency meeting with the parents and families of the girls over the weekend Winfrey apologized, saying, "I've disappointed you. I'm so sorry. I'm so sorry."

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has been hit with intense criticism following an interview in the magazine *GQ*. The actor/governor stated that despite being filmed smoking marijuana in the Seventies, he has never done drugs. What caused the controversy is that he then stated, in regards to marijuana, "That is not a drug. It's a leaf. My drug was pumping iron, trust me."

He then went on to say, "What would you rather have? A politician taking stuff and not saying, but making the best decisions and improving things? Or a politician who names all the drugs he or she has taken but makes lousy decisions for the country?... Why should I care if a politician takes sleeping pills every night so long as he can do his job?"

His rep replied to the controversy, saying that the comments were

taken out of context and that he does believe marijuana to be a drug.

All five of the Spice Girls have arrived in Los Angeles to begin practicing for their tour which kicks off in December.

Actress Reese Witherspoon and actor Jake Gyllenhaal have finally gone public with their relationship following many months of speculation. The two were holding hands in public, seen kissing and most recently attended a Halloween Party together.

There has been an influx of controversy regarding the MTV show, *The Hills*. Recently, information has come out that the show is not actually real, and that scenes are scripted.

There have been allegations that Audrina does not really work at Sony BMG, but goes there once a month to film scenes, and that Heidi's job is purely for television as well. It is also believed that Lauren does not really work at Teen Vogue, and that the jobs that they send her on would never actually be given to interns, but to those in more senior positions.

On last week's episode, model

Gavin Beasley took Lauren out on a date. Yet, Beasley recently gave an interview saying that at the shoot he was at, MTV producers had him ask Lauren out on a date, and that the whole date was staged as well.

Lindsay Lohan's mother, Dina Lohan, will begin shooting her reality show for the E! network on October 30. Dina stated that, "There are so many misconceptions about me and my family. I'm setting the record straight. It's about empowering women to be successful single mothers. About being in the limelight without compromising motherhood. It's about what I do, how you can be successful, and be a single mom and fulfilling your kids' dreams."

Working is my sole source of income... It won't just be following my family around like other shows. It'll show me cultivating careers, going to soccer practice. I'm a big supporter of domestic violence charities, so they'll show that. Then they'll show [my son] Cody at soccer practice. Ali going to school and in the studio. It'll encompass everything. You'll see me having five business meetings in the city."

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Women's Soccer ends strong, Men aren't finished just yet

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2007 season has come to a close for Women's Soccer, but they made the last game memorable. They were eliminated for

Centennial Conference Playoff contention after a tough loss to Ursinus, but the Mules decided to make their final game count anyway.

Taking on Gettysburg for their final game, the seniors on the team combined for the only goal of the contest. Senior Megan Francis found the back of the net off a centering pass from classmate Maura Hendsey. Also in on the play was sophomore Kimberly Hacker, recording the second assist.

Sophomore Kate Morrissey contributed three saves in goal to seal the shutout and the Mules took away a winning record of 8-6-3, 5-4-1. The Mules badly out-shot Gettysburg in the second half, determined to hold on to their lead and finish the season on a winning note.

The women beat both Haverford and Gettysburg this season, two teams both in the playoffs. Unfortunately, and untimely loss to Franklin & Marshall and a tie with Dickinson closed the door on the Mules' playoff hopes. But with the win to close out the season, which was the 150th win for head coach Leslie Benintend, the seniors will be able to take a win with them.

The Men's season, however, is not over. After being ranked 4th in the region behind Messiah, Franklin & Marshall, and Johns Hopkins, the Men's Team still had playoff hopes going into a game on Wed., Oct. 24 against Swarthmore. With 6:35 left in the second overtime, senior Jonathan Kliewer clinched a CC playoff berth with a sensational goal into the top-left corner of the goal. Fighting off rain and wind, the Mules could breathe, at least until their next game, knowing that they were in the playoffs.

The Men's Team is among the NCAA statistical leaders, as their defense has suffocated opposing offenses by allowing only seven goals all season long. Contributing greatly to their success has been senior goalie Peter Bennett, who was 25th in goals-against average (.57) and 28th in save percentage (.868). The Mules earned 10 shutouts this year.

Taking on Ursinus on Sun., Oct. 28 to finish out the regular season, the

Mule Men once again came out victorious by way of a 1-0 shutout. The win landed the Mules with a 12-3, 7-2 record, tying them for first in the Centennial Conference with both Franklin & Marshall and Johns Hopkins. The Mules will take the third seed in the Playoffs, since they lost to the other teams in the three-way tie, and will take on Johns Hopkins first.

Against Ursinus, freshman Mike Williams notched the only goal of the game and the first of his career, assisted by a free kick from junior Steven Tenenzapf. The win was satisfying especially for the three seniors on the team, Kliewer, Bennett, and Karim Assous, as they played in their final home game.

Whether they are storming into the Playoffs or satisfied with a strong final win, Muhlenberg Soccer has been impressive in the 2007 season. They have played exciting soccer and should be proud of their seasons. Good luck to the Men's Team in the Playoffs!



Senior Jonathan Kliewer's (above) tenth career goal could not have come at a better time for the Mules. His goal against Swarthmore in the second overtime clinched a CC playoff berth as he led his team to a 1-0 victory. The Women (left) ended their season on a happy note.



Freshman Jess Kasza assisted senior Kelly Shetron in the first goal against Gettysburg on Fri., Oct. 26.

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Field Hockey clinches playoff berth;

Three voted to All-CC squad

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Despite a harsh loss to defending NCAA Division III Champion Ursinus 8-0 last Tuesday, the Mules Field Hockey team has clinched a Centennial Conference Playoff berth. Muhlenberg was assured of a post-season game for the second year in a row when Dickinson lost to Gettysburg last week.

Ursinus continued its success against the Mules as the most scoring team in all of Division III, scoring four goals in each half, all of which were unanswered by the 'Berg. However, the Mules remain mentally unscathed, especially since they realize that in Ursinus' last six games, the Bears have outscored their opponents by a 43-1 margin.

The situation was much better for the Mules on Friday night. Even though the team was forced to play in the relentless pouring rain, the winning spirit never left them as they beat Gettysburg in overtime. Senior Kelly Shetron scored her ninth goal of the season off a pass from freshman Jess Kasza. Lauren Rutt secured their first win against a nationally-ranked team since 2003 with her overtime goal, which she

tapped in around the goalie to trickle in off the right post.

Muhlenberg had lost their last three CC games to nationally ranked teams, but they enter the playoffs with a win against another nationally ranked team. The Mules have the third seed in the Centennial Conference Playoffs and will face Johns Hopkins at Ursinus in a semifinal match on Sat., Nov. 3.

Aside from a bid to the playoffs, the Mules have something else to celebrate: three of their own received All-Centennial Conference honors.

Senior Lauren Rutt received First-Team recognition after securing a Second-Team award last year. So far this season, she has scored five goals - the most she has ever recorded. 10 of her 13 points came in CC games.

Senior Nikki Rhoads was awarded a Second-Team bid, making this the third time she has been honored on the All-CC squad. The defender is the fourth player in 'Berg history to be honored three times in a row. Sophomore Nicki Notarianni was a first-time CC honoree, receiving an honorable mention. The up-and-coming star is tied for eighth in the Conference for total goals this season.

Thanksgiving Break

All college owned and leased houses, apartments, and residence halls are closing on November 21st at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on November 25th at 10:00 a.m.

(There will be no access before 10:00 a.m.)

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- ♦ Academic responsibility (i.e.: student teaching)
- ♦ International Students
- ♦ Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- ♦ Athletes with written permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a \$25.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays including those students falling into the above categories. Forms are available online at www.muhlenberg.edu/mgt/resserv and are due by Monday, November 12th. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Volleyball defeats Ursinus

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

On Oct. 24, the Mules matched up against Ursinus for their second-to-last home game of the season. The seniors filled their role on the team and led them to a 3-0 victory.

Although the Mules got off to a rough start (14-8 in the first game) the Mules rallied back to claim the first game 30-27. The Mules kept up their streak and won the next two games 30-24 and 22-30 respectively to sweep Ursinus.

Senior Jess Anselmi had 18 kills and sophomore Liz Dean had 10. Anselmi's 18th was her 300th for the season, making her the sixth player at Muhlenberg to reach that total.

Senior Megan Young had a match high 19 digs. This put her at 1,300 digs in her career. She is the third volleyball play-

er at Muhlenberg to accomplish this.

On Sat., Oct. 27 the Muhlenberg Volleyball Team prepared for the match against Gettysburg as well as their Senior Game. The match on Saturday was the last game of the season. However, the game did not go well for the Mules, who lost to Gettysburg 30-26, 30-13, 30-25.

The two seniors on the team, Young and Anselmi, both played hard to finish their careers. Anselmi had a career total of 747 kills, putting her in eighth place for the most kills in a career at Muhlenberg.

Young had 31 digs against the Bullets. She finished with 1,342 career digs, putting her in second place on the all-time list. Young is also the only player in the history of Muhlenberg to have 500-dig seasons.

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Mule runners earn All-CC Honors

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Cross Country has taken its young and relatively inexperienced team and run with it. The Women's Team this year features four seniors and eight freshmen, while the Men's Team consists of just one senior and eight freshmen of their own. The question was how such a young team would compete with the tough competition in the Centennial Conference? They answered with a very successful 2007 season, giving the rest of the CC something to worry about. Captains Laura Clinton '08 and David Chorney '09 have inspired confidence in their teams, which showed in the meets.

Going into the Centennial Conference Championships on Sat., Oct. 27, the Men's Team was ranked eight in the region.

The Cross Country Team worked out on the Franklin & Marshall course, where the meet was to be held, to practice and get a feel for the terrain. It seemed to pay off, as the Women's Team took 7th place and the Men's Team finished 4th.

Junior runner Timothy Van Syckle led the way for the Mules, crossing the finish line 6th. Not far behind him was Chorney, finishing 10th. The men beat Swarthmore (ranked seventh in the region), by 17 points.

Senior Sara Gearin once again led the Women's Team, taking 11th place in the Championship meet, which would be good enough to earn All-Centennial Conference honors. By finishing in the top 14, she, along with Van Syckle and Chorney, were the three Mules to be distinguished.



Juniors Laura Lipari and Janette Adams ran hard at the Centennial Conference Championships.

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Santagato shows poise as he leads Mules past Dickinson

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

The Mules were down 17 points in the start of the game, when quarterback Eric Santagato '09 decided to be a big-time hero for the now 8-0 Mules. Santagato had a big day, completing 13 of 23 passes for 160 yards, including 4 touchdowns to lead the Mules to a 29-24 victory. More importantly, he didn't throw an interception, again showing why he is the Muhlenberg leader on the field. It also didn't hurt to have the Muhlenberg defense on the other side.

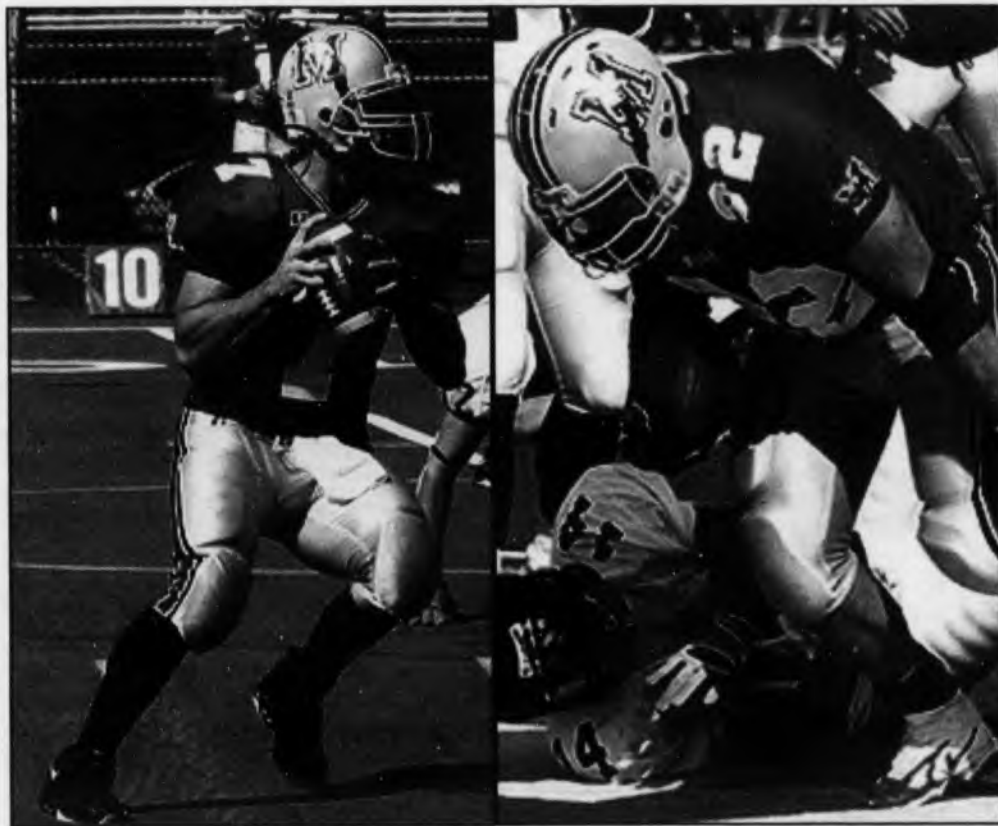
Although they allowed 24 points, they still played extremely well, holding the Red Devil offense to 261 yards. They also forced four turnovers, which seems to be a habit for this incredibly strong defense. The one number that could be concerning would be 152, the amount of rushing yards that the Mules defense allowed. However, they still held the team to 3 yards per carry, which puts some worries to rest.

The Red Devils led 17-0 half-way through the 2nd quarter, when the Muhlenberg offense started to click.

Kicker Jordan Grube '08 nailed a field goal with 7:21 left in the half, cutting the deficit to 17-3. The next two drives, one a 92-yard drive and the other a 20 yarder thanks to David Mazzola's '09 interception, resulted in touchdowns to tight end Matt Johnson '08 and wide receiver Phil Cresta '10 respectively. The Mules finally took the lead in the third quarter when Santagato hit back-up running back Erik Snyder '09 for a nine-yard touchdown. Dickinson retaliated, making the score 24-23 with a five-yard run from Dickinson quarterback Ian Mitchell. Santagato, however, remained poised, and hit tight end Johnson for his second touchdown catch of the night, allowing the Mules to win 29-24.

Also notable, running back John DeLuca '09 is now at 990 rushing yards for the season after running for 82 yards on 24 carries. He is just 10 yards away from 1,000 yards for the season. Johnson had a huge day, not only with his two touchdowns, but he had six catches overall for 81 yards.

Muhlenberg will play at Ursinus this Saturday at 1 p.m..



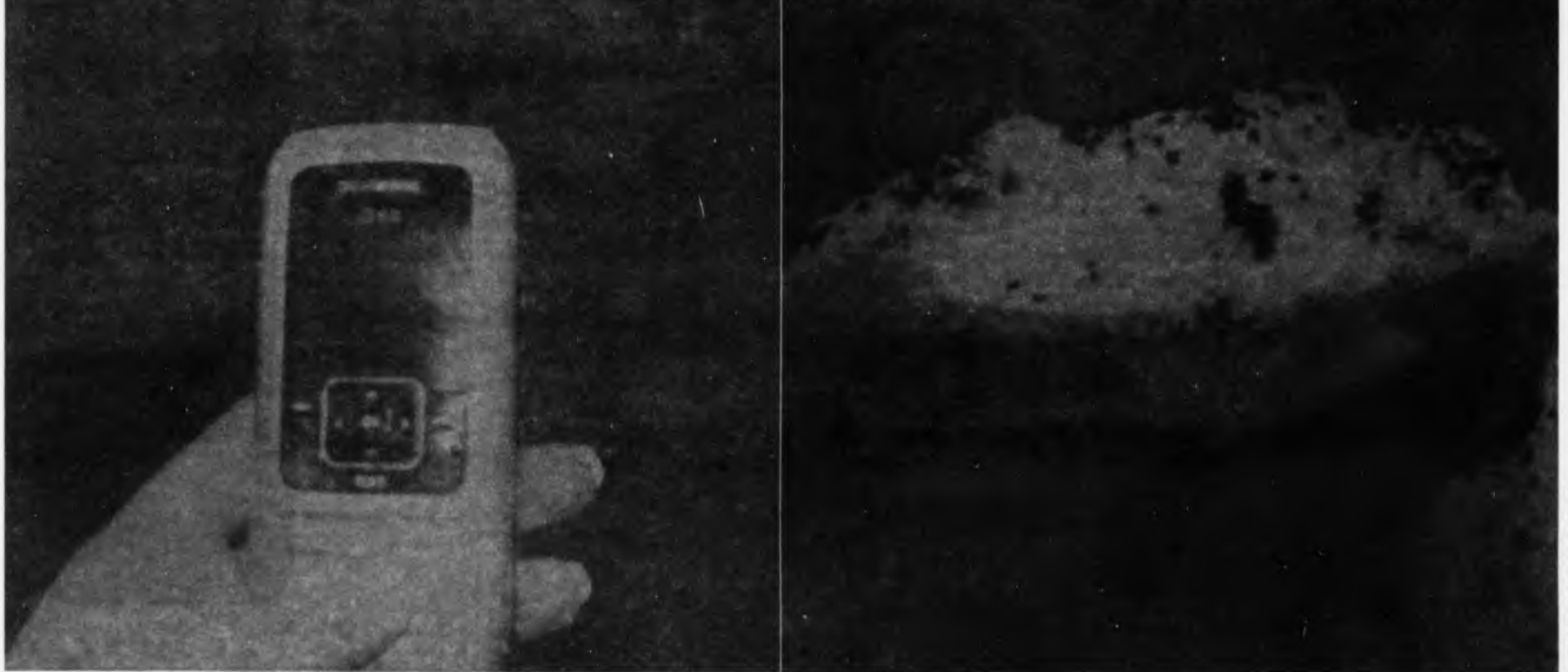
Junior Eric Santagato (left) was named Centennial Conference Player of the Week for his performance against Dickinson. Junior John DeLuca is now 10 yards away from running 1,000 total yards this season.

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the state of being enslaved to a habit or practice or to something that is psychologically or physically habit-forming, as narcotics, to such an extent that its cessation causes severe trauma.



The Ins and Outs of Addiction

By Anita Kelly
Director, Counseling Services

Addictions come in many shapes and sizes. The most common type of addiction in our society is a chemical dependency or an addiction to a substance. Around 1955, the American Medical Association (AMA) declared for all that chemical dependency, in particular at the time, alcoholism, is a disease. This then thought of social ill was no longer viewed as a matter of poor willpower or a weak character defect but rather a disorder to be treated with dignity and care as one would treat diabetes or cancer.

Things have definitely changed since 1955. Today we are dealing with addictions to many substances ranging from alcohol, to marijuana to methamphetamine to designer drugs such as ecstasy. The scope of addictions has also increased to encompass not only substances but also behaviors such as gambling, shopping, sex, and over-eating. Individuals who have remained abstinent from their addiction and who have changed attitudes and behaviors are thought to be "in recovery". Many of these individuals recover with the help of twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) or Narcotics Anonymous (NA). These types of programs, in conjunction with therapy, seem to be what work best for most. There are even twelve step groups to help those who suffer from non-chemical dependencies. Available in the Lehigh Valley are gamblers anonymous meetings, shoppers, spenders and buyers anonymous meetings, overeaters anonymous and sex and love addicts anonymous meetings. There seems to be enough people who suffer from these afflictions that these meetings can be sustained on a weekly basis.

Much research has been done in the past 20 years within the field of addictions. One of the most significant findings that affects prevention work is the knowledge that if a person uses substances before the age of 12 and has a genetic predisposition to chemical dependency, the odds increase drastically that s/he will become chemically dependent themselves. With all of the research that we have done, we aren't any closer to helping people who are chemically dependent through the use of bio-chemical treatment. There are some experimental drugs on the market that may curtail ones' desire for a chemical but it is not a sure thing. Having worked with individuals who have abused or are dependent upon chemicals for the past 20 years, I cannot say that there is a treatment regime that would suit everyone. What I do know is that treatment needs to consist of a comprehensive approach that includes individual and family therapy, group therapy and often times psychopharmacological treatment. An eclectic approach to treatment produces a better outcome. This includes cognitive-behavioral therapy, rational-emotive behavior therapy and a psycho-analytical approach. What is most important in any approach is to meet the client where they are at in their recovery process. If a therapist goes beyond this limit, relapse is inevitable. This makes the odds even smaller for the estimated 33% success rate among any given treatment group.

The age of onset for an addiction is varying. Addiction crosses all socio-economic brackets. It is not bound by any degree of education or religious affiliation. Each individual addict/alcoholic has a different story to tell yet there are many similarities to the stories. I have worked with a Holocaust survivor who drank to forget. I have worked with a 12 year old who used and sold heroin to survive and to support her family. I have worked with the CEO of a major corporation who began drinking at lunch time and didn't quit until he passed out in the evening. I have also worked with college students whose abuse of alcohol and other drugs have landed them in jail or in the hospital.

The common denominators among addicts are tolerance, physical dependence and pathologic organ change. These symptoms may occur at varying stages of one's disease and may occur in varying degrees among chemically dependent individuals. Tolerance is the ability to use more chemicals without becoming more impaired. Physical dependency means that the cells in the user's body have adapted to the presence of the drug and actually crave the drug to feel "normal". Pathologic organ changes occur as a direct result of chemicals' abuse of body organs and ones' central nervous system.

There is nothing glamorous or pretty about addiction although many movies and music videos try to prove otherwise. I can sit and tell horror stories for hours about how people have been grossly affected by their addiction. I feel very sad in writing this article because I know that there are many, many souls out there who are suffering from one addiction or another. I know that very few of them will recover.

What person, place or thing are
you most addicted to at Muhlenberg?



"Gum and Diet Coke."
Adam Martos '11



"Procrastination."
Gabrielle Luongo '11



"Chocolate."
Prof. Cathy Kim,
Professor of Education



"Bad reality television."
Chessie Martinez '11



"Performing the equation
for the slope of a line."
Chris May '08

Drew runs on Dunkin'

The time is 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening. Homework is done, everyone in the house is relaxing, watching television, and getting ready to go to sleep after a long day at Muhlenberg. I also participate in the end of the day activities - with one major difference. It is at this time that I throw on a sweatshirt, grab my keys, and make my way over to Dunkin Donuts—for a coffee, of course. As I walk through the doors of Dunkin Donuts, the sound is music to my ears - "hey buddy," "busy day today?" or "you want donuts?" and "skim milk or 2 % tonight?" Sonny and Michael - my two faithful servers at Dunkin Donuts, have become two great friends. Almost every night, Monday through Thursday, we catch up, talk about college-life and then they try to convince me to take boxes of donuts home, and I drink my coffee. Now one may ask why I would drink a cup of coffee every night, before going to bed. Actually, without that coffee I cannot go to sleep. Coffee has become an essential tool on which I rely heavily to sustain me throughout my entire day. My first cup is by far the most important of them all; it is that cup, which I obtain in the Life Sports Center, that kicks off the day officially. Then comes the after-lunch cup that I purchase in Seegers Union at Java Joe's, which is of great importance. The after-lunch coffee is remarkable because of how recharged it leaves me, ready to begin the tasks that await me every afternoon. Then comes my pre and post-dinner cups of coffee, a wonderful appetizer and dessert drink in my book! Finally my evening cup of coffee arrives around 10:00, which is a completely therapeutic experience. It is something I wait for and that brings me tranquility after a high-strung day on this campus, and something I cannot go a single day without. It is safe to say that I am officially a coffee addict. My parents are coffee addicts and now I am also completely reliant on this beverage. My friends make fun of me and even Sunny and Michael over at Dunkin' Donuts get such a kick out of my programmed arrival each night—and yet, it is an addiction that I am not willing to give up any time soon. This drink and the caffeine that it provides me with, are parts of me and I just would not be the same if I didn't have my cup of coffee near by, at any point during the day or evening. David Letterman once said, "Way too much coffee. But if it weren't for the coffee, I'd have no identifiable personality whatsoever." Coffee without a doubt contributes to my personality. Believe me, you will know if I haven't had my regularly scheduled caffeine fixes.



Drew Kromholz '08

Harry Potter and the impact on Muggles Summary of results (thus far)

I just finished the book a short while ago. I can't stop crying, I feel so sad and I don't want to say goodbye.

Participant #128444114

This summer, Dr. Jeff Rudski, Carli Segal and Eli Kallen were among the millions of Harry Potter fans awaiting the seventh and final installment to the series: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Aside from intense anticipation regarding Harry's fate, we were also curious to see how fans of the series would react to the end of a decade-long journey with the most successful septology of all time. We sent out both pre and post-book internet surveys and had thousands of participants of all ages from all over the world. We still have plenty of data that we need to sift through, but we were able to address some preliminary answers to the following questions: Is it possible to be addicted to Harry Potter? If so, might fans display withdrawal when the series ends? Finally, how accurate were people in guessing various plot events, and might they have shown a 'hindsight bias' (see below)?

First, the Harry Potter phenomenon can be addictive. To assess this, we took a well established smoking-related craving scale, and changed the questions from "smoking" to "reading the Deathly Hallows". We found that participants' self-rated addiction level showed a moderately strong correlation ($r=.51$, for those of you who have taken a course in statistics) with the modified craving questions relating to final installment of the series. We also correlated the participants' self-reported fandom-related behaviors with the craving questions. The fandom questions were broken down into four categories using a statistical procedure known as a factor analysis: The "Core" category pertains to reading the books, discussing the theories, and having Harry Potter related thoughts, the "Literary" category describes involvement in reading/viewing/creating Harry Potter fan fiction and fan art, the "Play" category describes behaviors such as creating Harry Potter related food, engagement in live action role plays, purchasing Harry Potter merchandise, and the "Information" category describes visiting online websites with the purpose of looking up news or facts pertaining to the series. Peoples' scores on the "Core" questions had a moderate ($r=.44$) correlation with craving towards the last book, with scores in the "Play" and "Information" categories also showing smaller but still significant craving towards the last book. Interestingly, there was not a sizeable relationship between the "Literary" category and craving the last book.

Now, what about withdrawal? We decided to measure that by examining sleep, appetite, activity, and mood disturbances, as well as irritability, anhedonia (finding other rewards less pleasurable), and depression. Our results show that those of you who identify as being most addicted to the Harry Potter series tended to go through more severe withdrawal effects. Using a statistical technique called Chi-squared analyses, we found disproportionately high numbers of people with high and hard-core addiction ratings experiencing interference with appetite and sleep patterns, engaging in less physical activity, experiencing anhedonia, having a lower sense of well-being and being more irritable after completing the series. There was also a significant relationship between depression and level of self-rated addiction; individuals who described themselves as being more addicted to the series were significantly more likely to exhibit depressive symptoms.

Finally, we explored a popular phenomenon in psychology known as the hindsight bias, also known as the "I knew it all along effect". People reported more accurate prognosticating following reading the book than was warranted. For instance, in the pre-book survey, only 37% of participants reported expecting Hagrid to be alive at the end of the series. In the post-book survey, 50% of you reported expecting him to survive! Hindsight is 20-20. After comparing participants' predictions both before and after the book release, the data showed that half of their pre-book predictions and what they recall predicting after the book release matched up; however, many more participants showed that they changed their perceptions of what they had originally thought would happen to match up with what actually did happen in the novel.

We still have a long way to go in analyzing the data. More than 100 participants filled out the post-book survey multiple times, and we'd like to track those changes in their reactions. One thing's for sure: Harry Potter fans could use another fix and are anxiously awaiting the last two films along with the Harry Potter Theme Park in Universal Studios in Orlando, which is scheduled to open in 2010. If you have any questions or comments about our study, please contact Dr. Jeff Rudski.

Mischief (almost) managed,

Jeff Rudski, Associate Director of Psychology, Carli Segal '08, Eli Kallen '09

A focus on Adderall

By Jeremy A. Teissere

Assistant Professor of Biology and Neuroscience

nisms and side-effects; at the worst, they can sound cheap, moralistic, and duplicitous. There is a sense of burden: how can we reasonably argue for both utility and control?

Consider the current use and abuse of Adderall, an alternative to Ritalin in the treatment of ADHD (Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder). Adderall is a pharmacological portmanteau of sorts: it contains a mixture of both L- and D-forms of amphetamine (it would be helpful to pull out your organic chemistry notes here). This molecular one-two punch alleviates the symptoms of ADHD by increasing synaptic levels of dopamine and epinephrine in the central nervous system. Because these neurotransmitters underlie states of high arousal in the brain and stimulate body circuits involved in stress, Adderall has the effect of maximizing alertness and focus in low doses. Ritalin, which is not composed of an amphetamine but a related compound, methylphenidate, works similarly. It may seem strange that a stimulant would be an effective therapy for ADHD – but this is a classic example of paradoxical pharmacology: amphetamine quenches the behavioral stimulation that ADHD sufferers crave, thereby reducing the need to jump attentional focus every few minutes.

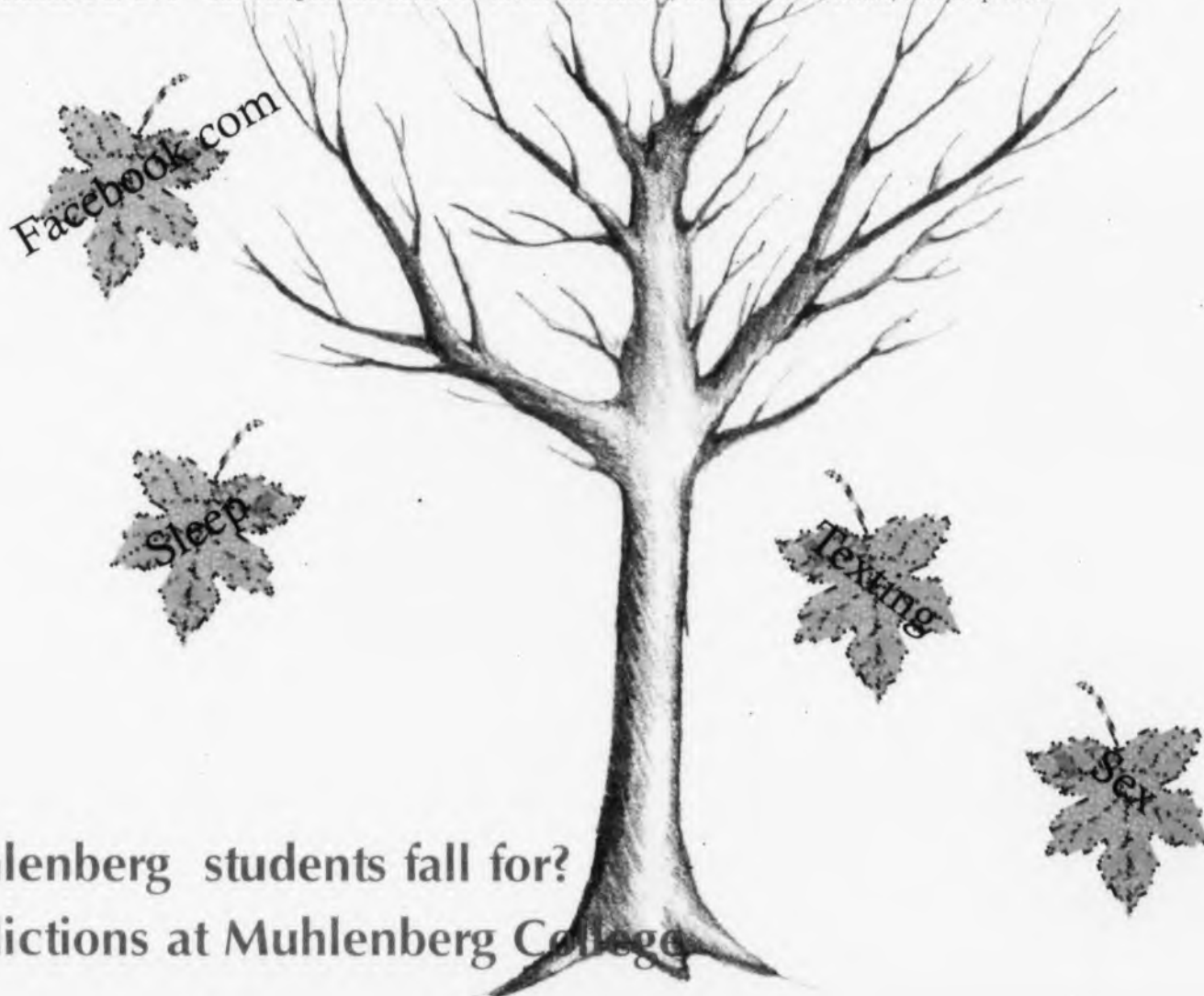
The use of Adderall in the clinic marks a return to amphetamine-based therapies of the middle twentieth century. From 1936 to about 1965, amphetamine was the preferred pharmacotherapy for not only ADHD but also narcolepsy, excessive sleepiness, and obesity. From its synthesis in the 1930s, amphetamine has been given to soldiers to promote alertness in combat. It has also been touted as a remedy for hypotension, seasickness, caffeine and nicotine dependence, and severe hiccoughs. Although amphetamines are now used to treat ADHD, the dangers of chronic administration, specifically addiction, have prevented further expansion into the clinical arena.

In low doses, amphetamine-based drugs increase task performance, reduce appetite, restrict focus, elevate mood, and produce euphoria. (It should not surprise anyone that college students have abused amphetamine since its inception in the 1930s.) Here's the rub: in high doses, and in chronic administration, amphetamine use can lead to persistent addiction, insomnia, agitation, irritability, cardiovascular dysfunction, and psychosis similar to schizophrenia.

Drug manufacturers are quick to claim that these negative outcomes have not been seen in individuals taking Adderall (and Ritalin) chronically for the treatment of ADHD. Indeed, they claim that Adderall shows a low rate of abuse potential and minimal side effects. This argument is based in part on the dose of amphetamine contained in Adderall, which is small and slow to be absorbed by the brain, and therefore functionally unable to reach the concentrations that would promote addiction and psychosis. But the drugs can still be abused at higher doses. A simple search on Google proves telling: magic bullet reports from drug manufacturers and patients lie side-by-side with tell-all tales of nightmarish descents into addiction and recovery.

The epidemiology of abuse suggests that Adderall and Ritalin are used recreationally in predominantly white, middle to upper-middle class, suburban environments – the same environments in which children are most likely to be diagnosed with ADHD. It's clear that the association with suburban usage provides less stigma to the user than the abuse of methamphetamine, a chemically similar compound. Whereas methamphetamine use and abuse is perceived as highly dangerous, addictive, and largely occurring outside of suburban, white environments, Adderall and Ritalin abuse are perceived as, at worst, white "club drugs" designed for quick highs, and at best, drugs used to enhance performance in studying for exams. While methamphetamine remains illegal, Adderall and Ritalin are firmly situated within the clinic. Has the availability of these drugs by prescription allowed the economically and socially privileged to abuse amphetamine drugs without fear of stigma or penalty?

We must resist the temptation to side with those who would offer us the treatment blindly, or only those who would warn us of the dangers of the purple pill. Perhaps the most salient observations in this arena can be found not in the pharmacology of Adderall itself – but in the way in which we choose to sell only some amphetamines at CVS – and relegate the others to the black market, to addiction clinics, and to prison.



What do Muhlenberg students fall for?

The top 5 addictions at Muhlenberg College

First Student Body Meeting of the semester

By Sara Horowitz
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Tues. Oct. 30, the first Student Body Meeting of the semester was held in Seegers Union. The meeting is a time for members of Student Council to update the rest of the Student Body on their progress thus far. It's also an open forum and an opportunity for members of the Student Body to voice concerns.

Scott Gordon '08, Student Body President, opened up the meeting by explaining the course of action for the night and introducing his council.

Jordon Sones '10, Chair of the Technology Committee, said the committee is working on making the entire campus wireless. He said the process is coming along "slowly, but surely." Martin Luther Hall and Walz Hall are up next to receive Wi-Fi hotspots. He also explained that in the next week or two, students will receive email alias' to make their College email addresses look more professional. The committee is currently working with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to incorporate more collaborative student workspace on campus. This

includes maintaining the new website, MuleClubs.com, which connects student organizations through an online social network. They also plan on adding Apple computers throughout campus, especially in the Ettinger Computer Lab.

The Academics Committee, chaired by Gregory Rose '08, is looking into reducing prices of books in the Book Store and working towards establishing an environmental pledge for students to sign. Rose said this pledge would compel "students to consider environmental issues when applying for jobs."

Some committees are undertaking smaller tasks in hopes of improving college life. The Athletics Committee is chaired by Jon Falk '10. Falk hopes to change the culture of athletics by organizing buses to transport students to away games. The Campus and Community Affairs Committee, lead by Katie Bemis '09, is assisting in organizing upcoming events such as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week, World AIDS Day and Rake-A-Thon.

Since the overwhelming majority

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Matt Rosenberg '08, Jon Falk '10, and Scott Gordon '08 discuss the progress of the Student Body.

PHOTO BY SARA HOROWITZ

EnAct makes conversation about conservation



Students observed the signs and displays scattered throughout Parent's Plaza. These displays brought attention to the impending environmental issues in our world today.

PHOTO BY MEREDITH CLINTON

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

On Wed., Oct. 31, the Environmental Action Team (EnAct) came together in front of Seegers Union for "Conversation for Conservation". The purpose of this program was to give the campus more of a focus on environmental issues and to stimulate conversation about recycling, food consumption and energy conservation.

EnAct gathered in Parent's Plaza and featured education tables, music and special guest appearances from the Mule Mascot and EnAct's Environmental "Aware" Wolf. Steve Epting '08, co-president of EnAct, explains that through these displays, EnAct hopes to educate students about environmental issues and demonstrate how students can make a difference. "We wanted to show students that everyday choices like what food we eat, how much we drive our car, and how responsible we are about recycling/reducing our waste have serious effects on the world in which we live." Epting encourages students to make simple changes in their lives to help the environment.

One of the simple changes that EnAct wants to see in the campus community is an increased interest in recycling. One of the education

tables in Parent's Plaza featured a display showing the consequences of using disposable water bottles. Five hundred disposable water bottles were piled on top of each other next to one reusable nalgene bottle. A sign in front of the table simply stated, "the choice is yours." It is through these simple yet powerful statements that EnAct attempts to show the administration that students care about environmental issues.

EnAct hopes that students, faculty, and administration alike realize that issues like global warming, air pollution, and deforestation all have relevance to their lives. Epting states that "as an institution, we must commit ourselves to environmental sustainability in order to serve as a role model for the greater community." EnAct urges President Helm to sign the "American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment" along with 400 other colleges and universities. This will commit the College to make environmentally-responsible decisions and to achieve progress towards reaching carbon neutrality. EnAct believes that through their efforts combined with the efforts of the President's Green Committee, and the newly appointed Sustainability Coordinator, the College will make environmental issues a major priority on campus.

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To the Editor:

Finally catching up

While looking around at the staff in *The Weekly* office, we noticed that we all had something in common: our gender. We only have two male members on staff, and their responsibilities lie outside Tuesday night productions. How does it make you feel knowing your paper was produced by a hoard of women? We'd love to get some male testosterone behind the scenes and into the office to spice things up a bit.

We think it's fair to say that newspaper publications tend to be run by male executives. We wonder why, in a male dominated profession, there can be no males found on our staff? Perhaps it says something about where journalism is headed, or perhaps it's just our campus culture.

The population on our campus consists of 42% males and 58% females. It shouldn't be a shock that there are more females on staff, right? But, how does that explain that for the past four years Student Body Presidents have been male? Maybe, this reflects our nation's current political culture. But, just as female politicians are gaining high positions in government, Student Councils female representation has risen and nearly matched the male members. However, while filling the female void, it's important not to drown out the male voice on Council.

By having both opinions and voices, it gives organizations more credibility because all sides of an issue are being covered by two separate thought processes. We all know that men and women have different perspectives on how and in what ways issues should be presented, resolved and produced. In a once all male campus, it gives us hope to see how the female voice has made student run organizations more grounded. That said, we feel that one cannot work without the other. When you have a box of cookies, you need a glass of milk.

The executive administration of the College is an example of this. Even though it consists mostly of males, important positions, like Provost, Dean of Students and Dean of Academic Life are held by females. We wonder if this increase in female presence is the direction our generation is headed. In 2008, a woman may not only be on the ticket for the presidency, but she may take office as well. While we're not endorsing Clinton's candidacy, we're looking toward a more balanced future for our nation. As for *The Weekly*, will there ever be another male to enter the doors of *The Weekly* office? We hope so.

Letter to the Editor

The decision to divest the College's investments in the Sudan is more complicated than portrayed in the opinion-piece "Divest Now" printed in the Oct. 11, 2007 issue of *The Weekly*. Muhlenberg's Trustees take their fiduciary responsibilities to the College very seriously, and since current investment policy does not address the issue of socially responsible investing, our response to this issue must be reviewed thoroughly and thoughtfully by the Finance and Investment Committee of the Board. This committee started a discussion about amending the policy to consider social justice issues in managing the endowment at its last meeting. Obviously there are many groups calling for divestment from a vast array of countries, products or companies. To which of these groups should Muhlenberg be responsive, what are the implications to the College overall if we begin to restrict investments in some manner and how can we implement whatever policy we adopt in an effective manner? These are some of the issues the committee must consider and a policy must address.

An additional consideration is the size of our endowment fund. The institutions listed in *The Weekly* article have endowments many times the size of Muhlenberg's endowment; the larger an endowment, the greater its institution's ability to tailor its investing style. All of Muhlenberg's endowment is invested in commingled funds (similar to mutual funds), thus Muhlenberg does not invest directly in any individual company. Three of these commingled

funds have investments in the Sudan, representing less than one quarter of one percent of the endowment fund. The Resolution passed by Student Council recognized this complexity and recommended actions be taken other than divestment.

Processes do not always move as fast as many people would like. The Finance and Investment Committee will be discussing this issue further with the goal of making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees at its January 2008 meeting.

Kent Dyer, Chief Business Officer & Treasurer
Jeffrey Porphy ('89), Chair, Finance & Investment Committee

Divestment being discussed

Is Muhlenberg a caring college?

By Joe Armenti
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

I have repeatedly heard this phrase in the rooms of Haas and in many addresses given to us by the administration: "Muhlenberg College is the caring college." In my opinion, this phrase rings true just as the clock tower chimes faithfully on the hour. As students, we care about each other, we care about professors, we care about where our coffee comes from, we care about the cups in the GQ, we care about hookah, we care about our community; well, we pretty much care about everything. I applaud this notion and for this reason am proud to be a member of the College community.

Many of these cares manifest themselves in the form of a charity. I'd like to pose the question, "what is charity?" As I know it, charity is doing a deed to benefit a worthy cause. And now, for the sixty-four thousand dollar question, "what is a worthy cause?" Regardless of what the cause is, when someone, in some place, cares about something and pursues that care to benefit the

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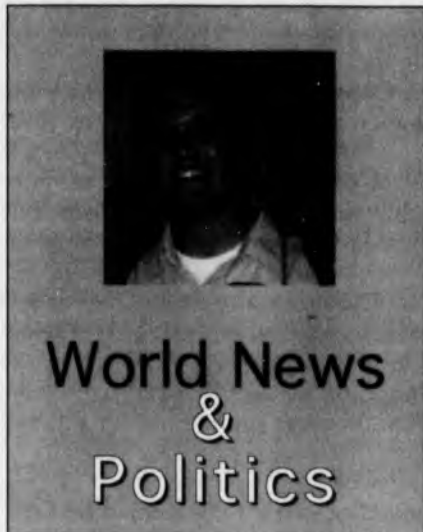
future, it is a worthy cause; the cause itself should bare no notion as per its actual validity. Essentially, there is no scale of worth in the realm of charity. It is impossible to choose between starving children in Africa longing for a meal, or cancer patients yearning for a cure. Each care is represented by individuals who wholeheartedly care for their cause. Neither cause should be subjected to scrutiny in order to determine its importance to our society. Again, if someone cares, then it is important; that is reason enough for me to support every cause that is valiantly displayed at the tables in Seegers Lobby. Unfortunately, after a week of sitting at tables for a charity, I have seen startling occurrences in which many students do not share my philosophy of equal worth amongst causes.

I sauntered into Seegers as usual for my routine table sitting ritual and I was greeted by the eager faces of numerous worthy causes. Someone wanted my blood, someone wanted my signature, another asked for coins, another asked for all my

money and it was all quite overwhelming. I laughed and smiled as I thought to myself how fortunate I was to be at the "caring college." But then as I settled in at my table, I witnessed a sight that can only be described as a pack of hyenas fighting over an injured wildebeest. I saw charity transform into a survival of the fittest, Darwinism acted out in its simplest form right here in our own Seegers Union. Six different organizations assaulted a pack of students on their way to dinner, all competing like business executives ensuring their success. A few students who escaped the violent rush of charity representatives made it over to my table. Those students were about to generously contribute to the cause I was supporting, when suddenly, a voice whipped through the air like the stinger on the end of a scorpion's tale. The voice, coming from the charity organization next to me and from a person with whom I was not familiar, yelled, "Wait! Don't give money to them! We are more important! Give us your money!" My jaw dropped in astonishment and shame for being a part of the community that I thought was famed

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Obama, Iran and football



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Before I begin my article, I have to strongly encourage every individual who picks up this newspaper to be at Scotty Wood Stadium this Saturday at 1:00 PM. Our football team is looking to accomplish history, as we have the chance to complete the first undefeated regular season ever at Muhlenberg. We are facing rival Moravian, which adds

just another reason to come watch. Tell your friends and bring everybody you know and come enjoy some high quality football from one of the nation's best teams.

Anyway, back to world news and politics. The campaign of Barack Obama started out with a bang but has since failed to keep pace with frontrunner Hillary Clinton. In recent weeks, Obama has strived to portray the differences between himself and Clinton. His strategy has been to frame Clinton as part of the old order of politics, which will not bring significant change to Washington. He has even gone so far as to call her "Bush-Cheney Lite," which is the last characterization any Democratic candidate desires. Clinton has countered by targeting Obama's inexperience and championing her track record of service for the federal government.

One of the unique aspects of Obama's campaign, on which he recently placed a heavier emphasis, is his foreign policy. At the center piece of this policy is a new course

of action to deal with Iran. Unlike the Bush administration, Obama supports dialogue with the nation, without preconditions. He has outlined a strategy, which will reward Iran with economic benefits and membership into the World Trade Organization, if it agrees to halt its nuclear activity. A similar strategy has worked in dealing with North Korea, who is finally dismantling their nuclear reactors after years of debate and dialogue.

Obama's strategy has a higher potential for success than the current approach by the Bush administration. By isolating Iran and moving towards classifying part of their government as a terrorist organization, the administration has threatened the current Iranian regime to no avail. The current regime remains strongly in power, with no indications of complying with America's desires. Similar to North Korea, Iran is experiencing intense economic difficulties. Obama's approach will

allow the Iranian government to alleviate these difficulties and maintain more popular support. This option will likely encourage them to consider revoking the nuclear programs.

The strategy of diplomacy is not an unflawed idea, yet the current approach is not yielding any positive results. Obama has been wise to distinguish himself from Clinton on this and other foreign policy issues. Her approach does bear a much higher resemblance to Bush's policy, which could potentially turn voters off. As this race continues, Clinton is appearing as a safer, more moderate, more predictable candidate, while Obama is appearing as a more unique and liberal candidate who would provide a more radical change from our current administration. Being as different from President Bush as possible is certainly an advantage Obama could benefit from in this upcoming election.

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The registration process

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Muhlenberg's favorite bi-annual event is finally here: registration. In my three semesters here at Muhlenberg, registration is the second most complained about event during the semester, the first being finals. The whole process can be described in a frantic "hurry up and wait" series of events. You hurry to grab registration packets and signatures and fit in advising appointments with sometimes multiple advisors. You wait to check the Registrar website as each class year registers to see which courses have already closed just before your turn. Then you hurry to rewrite your schedule so that you've achieved the perfect balance of general education requirements, major or minor requirements and electives to boost your GPA or avoid classes on Fridays. Finally, you wait, and wait, and wait in line at the Registrar for those dreaded few minutes when you hand your infinitely revised schedule to one of the secretaries and then the moment of truth: are those courses still available?

My friends and I were discussing the registration process. One of them said to me that she had (in her opinion) an irrational fantasy of one day taking a course at Muhlenberg just because it looked interesting; as in a course that did not fill a general education requirement or a major, but a random course that happened to catch her eye. She claimed that it was almost impossible with the registration process because she can't fit what's left into her schedule because it has already been packed tightly with requirements.

Right away there are two problems: upperclassmen, and a potential shortage of good classes. Could Muhlenberg change this? Honestly, someone has to go first during registration, and it might as well be the upperclassmen. They have earned their right to get top pick by serving their time as underclassmen and going through the same experience of getting closed out of classes. And, they have a limited amount of time left to get the courses they need for graduation.

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Why I resigned from Student Council

By Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The rumors are true, I resigned from Student Council last Thursday in protest of what I saw each week on third floor Hass. I spent my first three semesters at Muhlenberg without serving on Student Council – and I successfully ran to become a voting member of Council after feeling that Student Council was an impediment to change at Muhlenberg and seeing the Council members as non-advocates for student concerns. I accomplished a great amount of changes before being on Council through my work with the Gay Straight Alliance, and other progressive groups on campus, and I certainly believe that there are many leaders on campus, some who choose to serve on Council, and many who do not.

Maybe I made the wrong decision by resigning. Many students have expressed concern that I should have stayed on Council to try to change the problems from within. I had been considering resignation for almost a month before I resigned, and I tried to make Council many of those changes. That failed to gain majority support, I believe, because other Council members were scared of changing the status quo.

My race for Council was successful, I believe, because I promised to address the concerns of progressive students on campus and work to make Muhlenberg a more socially conscious environment. Through Council, I worked on fair trade coffee, gender neutral housing, divestment from genocide sponsoring companies in Sudan and environmental sustainability on campus, including asking the President to sign the Campus Climate Challenge (which he rejected in a summer memo to Council members).

Working on these issues have been the high points of serving on Council – and I plan to continue fighting for each of them. Many of you have asked why I was compelled to resign. I resigned for a number of reasons. First, I feel that serving on Council has lessened my ability to make positive social change at Muhlenberg, rather than increase it. I have become too caught up in the small things within Council politics that I have less time and energy to advocate on behalf of the students I was elected to represent. That said, I believe that nothing can be accomplished until Student Council fixes some of its policies to become more transparent, more ethical and more open – I have unsuccessfully attempted to fix some of those problems with roll call voting and fairer campaign regulations. Each of these caused other Council members to get quite defensive. When discussing roll call voting, one Council member even stated that she didn't want the general Student Body to know how she voted on different issues, because they might use it against her in a re-election (I call that democracy). Frankly, I don't have the time, passion or energy to debate small inter-council politics. I am much more concerned with ending Muhlenberg's heterosexist housing policy, enhancing the anti-war movement on campus and creating more large scale activism on campus.

Secondly, I think that many Council members mistakenly view their primary role as event planners and administration pleasers. I cannot be a part of that. The students who elected me to this Council expected me to be a strong advocate to the administration for student rights and progressive change. This means not being best friends with the administrators, but keeping their feet on fire with student concerns. My bosses, as a Council member, were the students whom I represented, not the administrators whom I challenged on their positions. While it is certainly important to have a sense of respect for administrators, it should not limit our advocacy when they disagree.

Additionally, I know that many students want their pub nights, Mr. Muhlenberg and the Henry Awards... but maybe that is why Class Council and Student Council should be separate entities...

I think that every member of council has a strong potential to make a difference at Muhlenberg. Many have already assisted in some important changes – including ending the anti-student hookah law from last year, creating the Medical Amnesty Policy, bringing emergency contraception on campus, creating the Ride Board and the Campus Watch program, enhancing wireless on campus and creating an online registration program. I think that they are all good people and can do good things. But I think that many on Council are sidetracked with event planning and administration pleasing that they are not representative of student concerns. I absolutely do not regret serving on council – I learned more than I thought I would, I worked with people whom I thought I wouldn't, and I have brought issues up that may not have been raised. But I could no longer serve on a body that is so misguided beyond function that there is essentially no advocacy on behalf of students. I hope that the students who elected me into office last March will accept my resignation, as council has, and forgive me for not being able to serve out my term.



Cake in the Garden Room.
A Browne from Sandell's
Cake or cookies at a catered event?

ALL of those wonderful desserts
come from
These two hard workers

In at 5:00 a.m. these
High school friends are helping to
fulfill all of your baked good needs.



"We put love into everything we bake"



"Keep Posting Napkins! We love reading them"

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for its caring qualities. Never in my time on this planet have I witnessed such a cold-hearted act of cruelty, not only against the organization I represented, but also against the children of the charity I was supporting. To be blunt, it was disgusting. I cared just as much about my cause as everyone else, yet I did not steal away students from other organizations; it was absolutely disgusting behavior.

It is no secret that Muhlenberg has tons of organizations on campus, which in itself can at times be problematic. My point is this: if you are going to dwell in the dense jungle of Muhlenberg charity organizations, I ask that you keep your machetes in their sheaths and not act out a fundamental principle of Darwinism. Keep your claws in your dorm room, and maybe together we all can contribute to a better Muhlenberg, and ultimately a better world. Unfortunately, I have a bad taste in my mouth from the incident that I described. I hope in the future that my faith can be restored in the character of select Muhlenberg students. Until then, to the organizations of Muhlenberg College, keep doing what you are doing. Get out there, make a difference; just do so with a smile. Remember, if someone cares, then it is a worthy cause. To the future!

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As far as there being no interesting classes left after the upperclassmen are done, I completely disagree. What may or may not be interesting is obviously left up to the students in the course to decide. However, the conventional "interesting" or "popular" courses are not the only ones that are interesting or even popular. And, interesting and popular are, often, not the same thing. Let's face it, just because there are 19 sections of the same baby Biology course being offered, the class isn't necessarily amazingly interesting, just popular. And there may be an English class with only 11 people in it. It could definitely be interesting, but it may not be the most popular. Clearly, the makings of a good class is a matter of opinion.

So, during that moment of truth when the ladies of the Registrar's office enter in your ideal schedule and you hear the words, "I'm sorry, that one is closed, what is your first alternative?" you shouldn't freak out. Maybe that alternative will be more engaging than the original course for which you had your fingers crossed. The upperclassmen may have seniority, but they do not have the final say over what is a good class and what isn't. Good classes can be taken by students from every class year; it's just a matter of finding a "good" class for you.

Be adventurous. And if you don't like the classes you're stuck with, you can always shuffle them around during the first few weeks of next semester.

Delta Zeta Turtle Tug



This past Saturday, Delta Zeta hosted their first annual Turtle Tug. The philanthropy event was held at the outdoor volleyball courts where 8 teams competed against each other in tug-of-war. This wasn't just any tug-of-war though. The teams tugged off in a pool of green jello. The winners, Phi Kappa Tau, received various gift certificates to restaurants in the Allentown area. The sorority deemed the event as a great success and all of the donations were given to The Painted Turtle Camp, which is a camp and family care center for seriously ill children.

Photos courtesy of Liz Faughnan
Compiled by Meredith Clinton



SCOTTY WOOD WEEK!



MONDAY

11/12

**3 on 3 Basketball
Tournament
in the Field House
\$15 per team
Registration begins at 7:00**

TUESDAY

11/13

**Don't miss
"Scotty's Favorite Foods"
4:30-7:30 in
Garden Room**

WEDNESDAY

&

THURSDAY

11/14 & 11/15

**Don't forget to buy
Your Scotty Wood
T-Shirts & Raffle Tickets**

FRIDAY

&

SATURDAY

11/16 & 11/17

**Come Support your
Favorite
'Berg Basketball
Players!
1:00, 3:00, 6:00, 8:00**

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4	6	5	3	1	8	9	7	2
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2	9	4	1	3	7	6	5	8
5	3	6	8	7	1	2	9	4
9	4	7	2	6	5	8	3	1
1	2	8	6	4	3	7	9	5

Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

	9	7		4			2	
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			1		8			5
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		3		6		1		
3			6		9			
2				1				4
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Students, staff and faculty unwind at November Chill



Students, faculty and staff gathered together over food and drink in The Red Door on Fri., Nov. 2 for November Chill. Greg Rose '08 began researching events similar to this one earlier this year in an attempt to bring an event like November Chill to campus. The event was sponsored by the Office of Admissions. According to Melissa Falk, Associate Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, "As a result of much heart and hard work of Greg Rose, November Chill was an event enjoyed community-wide. We greatly appreciate Glenn Gerchmann, Director of the Student Union and Campus Events, for his help and support. It is our hope that this first event will be the beginning of a new Muhlenberg tradition where faculty, staff and students can gather informally and 'chill'."

Photo by Erica Lang
Compiled by Jamie Schneider

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Cloudy	Few Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 48 Low: 35	High: 48 Low: 30	High: 53 Low: 32

Council Corner

Get weekly news about what your Student Council is doing for you!

This Week's News:
Who will be the first
ever...

MUHLENBERG IDOL?

Find out Friday,
November 9, 2007 at
9p.m. in the Great
Room of Seegers

Student Leader Chat
November 19, 2007
7p.m.

The Great Room
All Leaders are invited to
share their new projects and
ideas for their group!
Look for more information
in the coming weeks!

Freshmen Class Bake Sale!
Saturday, November 10, 2007
12 a.m.-3 a.m.

Freshmen Quad
Come out and support your class and get
some tasty treats!

Student Council Rake-a-thon!
Sunday, November 11,
2007

Coming to a lawn near you!

Come out for the next
Student Body Meeting!

November 27, 2007
8p.m.

The Great Room

Email your ideas and thoughts to
be put on the meeting's agenda to
commcommittee@muhlenberg.edu

Grant funds endowed chair for Entrepreneurial Studies program

By Sara Horowitz
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The College has received a grant from William Miers '49 that will fully fund an endowed chair in the Entrepreneurial Studies program. Miers, a member of the Board of Trustees, is also the advisory committee chair for the College's entrepreneurial studies program. Miers has received many honors for his involvement and continued contribution to enrich the College's academia.

The first of its kind at a liberal arts college, the entrepreneurial studies program was established at the College in 1993. In May 2004, according to Entrepreneur magazine, the program was ranked one of the top 100 in the nation.

Students may choose this program as a major or minor within the Department of Business and Accounting (ABE). The four courses are integrated with the core courses of a Business major. This discipline is designed to explore the process of business innovation and development. The more advanced courses incorporate possible internship opportunities and further exposure into practical business ventures.

There are only two other fully endowed professorships at the College. William Dunham is the Truman Koehler Professor of Mathematics and Daniel Klem is the Sarkis Acopian Professor of Ornithology & Conservation Biology. The William and Virginia

Miers Chair is just the third of its kind at the College.

President Helm explains that "the new chair assists the College in its plans to strengthen the entrepreneurial studies program by combining a full-time faculty position with the entrepreneur-in-residence program that has been in place for several years. This will ensure that students interested in entrepreneurship will have both faculty continuity, and exposure to the cutting-edge experience of actual entrepreneurs."

Arthur Raymond, ABE Department Chair, said his duties as chair are extensive. They include managing the Department "with respect to curriculum, programs, courses, faculty (hiring, development, assessment, evaluation), students, etc., and to represent the Department externally and with the school's administration." These are some of the responsibilities the new chair of entrepreneurial studies will assume.

The chair will most likely be an Assistant Professor chosen primarily by the discretion of the President and Provost, with the Department's support. Provost Hass expects that the chair will strengthen the program and "probably increase student interest because students tend to follow great teaching."

She continued to express the "significance of this endowment" and the "honor and prestige it brings to the College." She hoped the gesture would help "integrate and improve an already successful program."

Managing clubs on the web

By Ally Margolis
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Muleclubs.com is a new way for all of the College's student organizations to communicate and record their work. It works to handle membership and participation, store files and documents, announce events and record attendance, access financial information, issue surveys, hold online elections and contact other members.

"Mule clubs is a web based organization management system. Each recognized organization will have a site on Mule Clubs. The system includes a financial management component that will allow for online allocation requests. We hope to have this component running by the start of next semester," said Jordan Sones '10, Student Council Technology Chair.

When going to the site, <http://www.muleclubs.com>, the page shows a link to add new members and one to activate your account. Every student at the College is already registered in the system.

Said Chris Jachimowicz, Director of Student Leadership Development and Greek Affairs, "A student can browse the site without registering. They are able to read descriptions of the clubs and view related websites if the organization has provided the information. Once registered, a student can express interest in joining a club. That request is electronically forwarded to the club's primary contact, who can either accept or reject the request."

Officially registering can be completed by clicking on "Password Recovery" from the right hand side bar. After entering your last name first name, and Muhlenberg email address, information for logging in will be received in an e-mail. After the activation is completed, students may use the site.

The first page (<http://www.muleclubs.com>) also shows a list of upcoming events being hosted by all different clubs. A brief explanation of the event is given, along with the time, location and category. If you click on Organizations, located at the top of the page, it will take you to Browse Organizations. There you can choose a club to view by either typing it in a box or selecting it from a list of organizations in a

separate box below.

Description, contact information, events and recent news are posted for each organization. There are many management tools that can be used by groups and organizations. Each group can edit its homepage and profile, post pictures, manage membership positions, create news articles, add events to the organization's calendar, request to reserve space for events, send messages to members and interested potential members, view financial affairs, hold discussions, create surveys and online elections and more.

Files can be uploaded to the documents section, especially ones containing a group's constitution

The tools available to the College's organizations through

Muleclubs.com are designed in a way to benefit their progress and production.

and bylaws. These files can be viewed by any campus user, whether or not the user is a member of the organization. An updated list of members and members' e-mail addresses are automatical-

ly held, along with a list of people who have conveyed an interest in the organization. Under the separate list of prospective members, the club's leader can click on the Convert to Member icon, which will add the person to the official roster.

The website will also assist in managing finances for campus clubs and organizations. The cost of the website was covered by the Dean of Students Office. Said Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, "I thought it would be good to invest in the webspace because it will help students and organizations and is a way to have information about our campus organizations readily available to all students. Muleclubs will also provide a great tool for organizations to monitor their own progress and network with other organizations."

The tools available to the College's organizations through Muleclubs.com are designed in a way to benefit their progress and production. "Club presidents are receiving login information so that they can begin to populate their MuleClubs website. The site will officially launch January 14, 2008, which is the first day of the Spring semester," said Sones.

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STUDENT BODY

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of those in attendance were on Student Council, Michelle Yost '08, Executive Secretary for Student Council, spoke about the importance of increasing publicity for such events.

According to Yost, "I think the meeting itself went over well, but we were hoping for a better turnout. Our committee hopes to try new methods such as mass emails and door hangers to get more people out to the next meeting. Members of the College community can add any ideas they want to a meetings' agenda by emailing commcommittee@muhlenberg.edu. We want to hear everyone's ideas and get working on what students want to see changed or improved around campus."

Those who were in attendance had the opportunity to take the mic next and introduce new business. One student suggested starting a mentoring program for first year students where upperclassmen in each discipline would hold informal meetings a few weeks before registration so that first-year students

could be advised as to which classes to take and which to avoid. There was also a proposal for more class bonding activities and ways in which the College could improve its architecture.

The only resolution brought to the floor comprised of re-defining class officer positions. Angela Lucci, Class of 2010 Representative, sought to "clarify the roles of class officer positions so they would be more clear and concise." After reading the resolution, it was voted upon and passed.

During the announcement portion of the evening, Adrian Shanker '09 announced his intent to resign from Student Council as Representative of the Class of 2009. Shanker stated that "serving on Council has lessened my ability to make positive social change at [the College]...". He then officially resigned during the Student Council meeting on Thurs., Nov. 1 where he presented specific reasons for his resignation.

The next Student Body Meeting is scheduled for Tues., Nov. 27 at 8:00 p.m. in Seegers Union.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Next week, the College will be hosting Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which is endorsed and co-sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. One of the many purposes of this week is to ask oneself what the underlying causes are of hunger and homelessness and how one can be committed to make a change about them.

Events for the week begin on Sunday Nov. 11 at 7:00p.m. with a Faces of Homelessness Panel. Following the panel, at 10:00 p.m., Sleep Out Sunday will begin. During the week, students will be able to participate in a 12 Hour Fast, volunteer at a local soup kitchen, attend a Hunger Banquet in the Great Room and watch the film *Pursuit of Happyness* in the Red Door.

"This year's Oxfam Hunger Banquet looks to change in a very

specific way—Oxfam urges people to learn about and support the 2007 Farm Bill reforms," said Kate Cartwright, Assistant Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement. This year, The Hunger Banquet hopes to push people further by posing new and important questions about the issues of hunger and homelessness.

Sara Beitman '10, Katie Bemis '09 and Elana Zygman '10 are the three chairs of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and have worked with numerous committees in coordinating all of the events. All proceeds of the week will be donated to the National Coalition for the Homeless. Katie Bemis '09 said, "I hope to see a positive response from students in terms of turn out. Issues of poverty and homelessness are those that continue to affect our local community of Allentown, so hopefully, as students become more familiar with our events year by year, we will have more students out to show their support."

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 30 - Theft - A bag was stolen from Memorial Hall in the Life Sports Center.

Oct. 30 - Institutional Vandalism - A student from the second floor of Brown Hall reported that her roommate had vandalized some of her possessions. This matter was referred to the Judicial Process.

Oct. 30 - Suspicious Activity - A non-Muhlenberg student was threatening to commit suicide outside of the Campus Shop on Liberty Street.

Oct. 31 - Animal Complaint - A ferret was found in a student's room on the second floor of the D Hall of East Hall. The ferret has now been removed.

Oct. 31 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - A student reported that the front window of his car had been cracked while parked along N. 23rd Street.

Nov. 1 - Noise Complaint - Students were being loud outside of building #4 in The Village. One student was found with underage possession of alcohol and he was referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 1 - Hazing - A group of people were found hazing themselves on 2127 Gordon Street. They were referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 1 - Vehicle Violation - A freshman brought a car to campus and was parking it in the Seegers Union parking lot with a forged parking permit. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 2 - Liquor Law - Seven students were found with underage possession of alcohol on the second floor annex of Prosser Hall. All have been referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 2 - Injured Student - A student from the third floor of Walz Hall reported having pain in his wrist. He was referred to the Health Center.

Nov. 2 - Injured Student - A student from the fourth floor of Walz Hall reported having back pain. He was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on 2442 Tilghman Street due to steam from the shower.

Nov. 2 - Theft - An individual has been scanning infor-

mation off the ATM machine at the Wachovia Bank on 3100 Tilghman Street. Three students have reported that money had been taken from their accounts. The FBI is now conducting an investigation in this matter.

Nov. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 316 N. 26th Street due to steam from the shower.

Nov. 2 - Elevator Problem - People were stuck in the elevator on the upper level of Seegers Union. Plant Operations was called and there will now be a set limit of how many people can go on the Seegers Union elevator.

Nov. 2 - Liquor Law - A student walking in the 2200 block of Chew Street was found with underage possession of alcohol. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 2 - Injured Student - A student was hit in the head during an ice hockey game. He reported feeling dizzy and was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 3 - Electrical Problem - In Seegers Union, a chandelier fell from the ceiling.

Plant Operations came to clean up and to repair the chandelier.

Nov. 3 - Liquor Law - An intoxicated student from the 2nd floor annex of Prosser Hall was transported to the hospital. He received a citation from APD and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 4 - Institutional Vandalism - A couple of windows were smashed in the first floor lounge area of Prosser Hall.

Nov. 4 - Liquor Law - Two students from the first floor annex of Prosser Hall were found with underage possession of alcohol. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 4 - Traffic Violation - A student was given a citation by APD for running through a stop sign outside of the Tremont Apartments.

Nov. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall because someone had discharged the fire extinguisher.

Nov. 4 - Liquor Law - Three underage students were found consuming alco-

hol on the first floor of Benfer Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 4 - Resisting Arrest - A student in Martin Luther Hall was charged with aggravated assault, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana and other drug paraphernalia, and underage possession of alcohol.

Nov. 4 - Injured Student - A student cut his left thumb at the recreation desk in the Life Sports Center. He was not transported to the hospital.

Nov. 5 - Theft - A table was stolen from the Trexler Pavilion. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 5 - Disorderly Conduct - A student was yelling profanities at a concert at Desales University. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 323 N. 22nd Street due to burnt chicken.

Nov. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the third floor of Prosser Hall due to burnt popcorn.

WEEKLY

Life!

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.

—Soren Kierkegaard

Students Dance for a Cure

Last Friday night students helped raise money for Women's 5K classic, Autism Speaks, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by attending Dance For a Cure. The dance took place in the Seeger's Garden Room.

Photos courtesy of Eirinn Disbrow '10

Rocky Horror night at The Red Door

On Sat. Nov. 3 students crowded The Red Door for Rocky Horror night. The night kicked off with a pre-show "shabang." A Rocky Horror Picture Show viewing with audience participation and a shadow cast named "Nothing Under 12 Inches" that shadowed the actors in front of the screen followed.

Rocky Horror night has been a staple at the College for a few years now and Adam Cotugno, Coordinator of Rocky Horror Night, is planning on making it bigger and better for the future. Cotugno is planning on a bigger Rocky Horror night that will incorporate colleges from the surrounding area for next semester.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ADAM COTUGNO
COMPILED BY JAMIE SCHNEIDER

Say what you want, get what you want

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

Keep going. Don't stop. A little to the left. Harder. Faster. Wait, a little slower. Yeah, that's good.

Sound familiar? It should. Vocalizing what you want in bed is of extreme importance during a sexual experience. Simple moans and groans don't cut it; you have to throw out some words to ensure you're getting what you came for.

Sometimes all you need is a little noise, but when they're not getting the hint, you need to take matters into your own hands...or in this case, mouth.

Don't get us wrong. We're not saying have full on conversations in bed. It's just that sometimes a simple phrase is all it takes to bump a performance from a 5 to a 10. Everyone knows that in a

relationship communication is key, so why not let that communication carry over into the bedroom?

It's essential not to be shy about these things. A lot of guys like when girls take charge and tell them what they want. And as long as you're not physically forceful, most girls are willing to take direction.

Don't forget to throw in some encouragement; a little moral boost can only help things.

We understand that it takes time to become comfortable enough with someone before becoming vocal, so start slow. Save the questions like, "Do you like that" for next time and, "What do you like" for next month.

Questions can be intimidating. Some people don't like the feeling of being put on the spot and this

could become a major mood killer.

You shouldn't have to compromise good sex due to fear of hurting someone's ego or being too shy yourself. You know best what it takes to get you off, so let the other person in on the secret. Ultimately, you both want to make each other feel good.

Don't be afraid to say "Right there" or, "A little softer". As important as it is to say what you do like, it's equally important to say what you don't like.

If he's going at it like a jackrabbit and you're laying there wishing you had a magazine to read, or if she's giving you a mean rake job, then something's up and it's not you.

Things need to be fixed. Yelling out, "STOP," would certainly get the point across but there are better ways to put an end

to your sexual misery. This would be a prime time to tell them what would feel better. Take the opportunity to turn your "ow" face into an "oh" face.

If you are too uncomfortable with talking in bed, you can always use your hands. Guiding your partner to where you want them is a perfectly acceptable and often welcomed gesture.

If you're feeling adventurous, don't be afraid to demonstrate on yourself so they know exactly what you want and how you want it. Sometimes a little watch and learn is all you need.

How can he know what to do to you, if you yourself don't know. It's the only way for them to know what to do. So, lock your door and explore.

So what have we learned today? Say it, show it, work it. You know what you want, go out and get it.

LOVE
&
LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPERPOWER WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"To be a fly on the wall."
- Alexi Prokop '11



"The ability to make people sneeze."
- Mike Hall '10



"To be able to make money without having to work."
- Luke Silverman '08



"To be able to shoot spaghetti out of my fingertips."
- Leah Wittenberg '09



"The ability to breathe underwater without all the equipment."
- Chelsea Richardson '08

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



American Gangster

Fri. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40
Sat. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40
Sun. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40

Bee Movie

Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Sat. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:15

Fred Claus

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:30

Dan in Real Life

Fri. 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
Sat. 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:45

The Game Plan

Fri. 2:15, 4:50
Sat. 2:15, 4:50
Sun. 2:15, 4:50

Martian Child

Fri. 4:00, 6:40, 9:15
Sat. 4:00, 6:40, 9:15
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 6:40

Lions for Lambs

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 12:45, 3:00, 8:00

Saw IV

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 2:00, 4:40, 7:00

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Christina Aguilera has finally confirmed her pregnancy in an interview with the magazine, *Glamour*. The interviewer asked Aguilera what her New Years resolution was, and she responded, "That'll be about the time I enter into mommy hood, so I'm hoping to have started a beautiful family with my husband!" She went on to say about husband, Jordan Bratman, "He's so supportive and amazing through everything. He came with me on the last leg of the tour and he was my support system...I gush. I'm a lucky girl." This confirmation came after months of speculation, and confirmations by many associated with the singer.

Actress Cate Blanchett has confirmed her rumored pregnancy. When asked about the pregnancy by the Australian Newspaper, *Sydney Morning Herald*, she said, "Yes, I am. You know more than me. It's early days yet. It's due in April."

Nicole Richie's publicist has denied rumors that the star has been smoking while she is pregnant.

CNN news anchor, Nancy Grace, has given birth to twins. Lucy Elizabeth and John David were born Sunday, two months early. Her rep. said, "Her physician determined it would be best for Nancy, and for the twins, to deliver them [early]." Lucy Elizabeth weighed just 2lb. 15oz., while brother John David weighed 5lb. 1oz. Grace's husband, David Lynch said, "The babies are doing fine. Our little girl is doing just as well as her brother despite her weight — and mom is doing great."

Britney Spears Update:

Fox News has reported that Spears' new album, *Blackout*, will premier as the number one album of the week, selling a reported 325,000 albums. Though this seems to be an optimistic turn for the ever struggling artist, her last album *In the Zone*, sold a massive 609,000 albums in its first week.

Spears has once again been criticized for her parenting skills. Soon after losing some of her visitation rights with her children, Spears was seen in public with them. The singer left both children in the car while choosing to go chandelier shopping. This was soon after she was labeled as not having proper parental priorities by the court ordered supervisor.

Current Events:

Singer Lance Bass has announced that he once participated in a quickie Las Vegas wedding. He announced this information in regards to a girlfriend that he married back in 1999. He said, "People do stupid things in the heat of the moment. I've been in Vegas where I've gotten married for like five minutes, but no one talks about it though. In fact, the only reason we did it is because we wanted to get free drinks all night... and we didn't get one."

Actor Shia LaBeouf was arrested at a Walgreens in Chicago. LaBeouf was arrested at 2:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, when he refused to leave the premises and appeared visibly drunk.

It has been reported that despite a nude photo scandal, actress Vanessa Hudgens will be reprising her role in the not yet filmed, *High School Musical 3*.

Despite previously denying a romance, Rihanna announced that she was in fact dating actor, Josh Hartnett. At the World Music awards the singer said, "He is so hot and he is really sweet to me. When we hang out it feels right — even though it's pretty new. I would be

lying if I told you we were not more than just friends... I have so fallen for him, he's lovely."

The *New York Times* has reported that Rosie O'Donnell is currently in talks with MSNBC to once again have her own television show. The actress would reportedly fill the 9 p.m. slot which airs during Larry King's hour. Currently, *Live with Dan Abrams* airs during this time, and does not receive many viewers.

Stella McCartney is reportedly planning to launch a personal attack on Heather Mills McCartney through her fashion design line. Page Six announced that the designer was designing a necklace with one leg on it as part of her newest fashion line.

It is supposedly called, "single-leg pendant." This is clearly a dig at her step-mother, whom lost a leg in a motorcycle accident, and now sports a prosthetic.

The Writers Guild of America went on strike at 12:01a.m. Monday morning after last minute negotiations failed. The writers are trying to make deals over money that they should get from DVD sales and the internet. Actress, and *30 Rock* star, Tina Fey, was seen participating in the strike.

Carrabba's got it right

By Alexis Resnick
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

When I think of great food the words "Italian" and "chain restaurant" usually don't appear in the same sentence, but Carrabba's Italian Grill seems to effortlessly unite these two concepts in a delicious way. Serving up classic Italian dishes in a rustic, Tuscan setting, Carrabba's definitely creates an enjoyable dining experience.

Although the outside view of rows of trees piled high on the restaurant roof top doesn't scream Tuscan Villa, once inside it definitely does. With warm colors sweeping the walls and laughter filling the room, Carrabba's sets the ambience so that it feels like you are in your own home. The painted grape vines and bricks that adorn the walls combined with the fire from the wood-burning brick oven recreate the beautifully decorated restaurants that I had visited in Italy. The terra cotta pots that line the floor also add to the rustic feeling. The open atmosphere encourages conversation and a chance to take in the rest of the decorative surroundings.

The food at Carrabba's is general-

ly pretty good for an Italian chain, and compared to a similar restaurant chain like Olive Garden, the food at Carrabba's is far superior. The dishes, like the ambience, are warm and comforting, combining traditional flavors of classic Italian cuisine.

Since I went with a large party, the helpful staff suggested the appetizer platter for the table consisting of the mozzarella marinara, calamari and grilled bruschette. While the mozzarella marinara was a little heavy, the bruschette was very fresh and flavorful. The calamari was also crispy and seasoned very nicely. The zucchini fritte, which is basically fresh zucchini that is lightly fried, was also a table favorite and the garlic aioli added a unique touch.

The entrees at Carrabba's come with either soup or salad, and the soup for the night was a lentil with sausage. I definitely recommend trying this soup when they have it again, as the flavors of the lentil and sausage go extremely well together. The faint taste of fennel also heightened the flavors in the soup. It was a perfect balance of a hearty, rich, Tuscan stew and a light, clean soup.

Carrabba's offers a variety of tra-

ditional Italian classics such as lasagna, chicken parmesan and veal piccata, but I recommend trying some of their own takes on the classic flavors of Italy. These dishes include lobster ravioli, chicken topped with goat cheese, sundried tomatoes and a basil lemon butter sauce and sirloin marsala.

Many people at my table opted for pollo rosa maria — a chicken breast stuffed with fontina cheese and prosciutto, topped with mushrooms and a basil lemon butter sauce. Although there was a slight problem with my dish as the chicken was a little underdone, our waitress quickly and efficiently took care of it.

The flavor combinations in this dish are bold and the tangy sauce pairs nicely with the melted fontina cheese and saltiness of the prosciutto. The chicken was also properly seasoned and could stand up against the stronger flavors of the other ingredients.

Carrabba's also offers wood-fired pizzas and a selection of pastas. Although I find some of their pasta sauces to be a bit heavy, they are still tasty and the combinations of ingredients work well together. The

pasta carrabba seems to be a restaurant favorite, a combination of fettuccine alfredo tossed with grilled chicken, sautéed mushrooms and peas. The rigatoni martino also combines some great flavors like grilled chicken, sautéed mushrooms and sundried tomatoes, a tomato cream sauce, ricotta salata cheese and scallions.

Make sure to save some room for dessert since they offer many Italian classics. The tiramisu was the favorite of the table. The rich, creamy texture of the mascarpone cheese coupled with just the right amount of espresso and brandy really made this a delicious tiramisu.

As I had mentioned, Carrabba's stands out as a restaurant that mends the division between great Italian food and chain restaurants. Even though it is just a couple miles down the road, when you step foot through the doors it is like you have been transported to an Italian villa in Tuscany.

With good traditional Italian classics at a great price, all Italian chain restaurants should aspire to deliver the warm environment, delicious dishes and fresh ingredients that Carrabba's so naturally does.

Oren's Travels: Part 4

By Oren Smith
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Hey everyone! I just recently returned to Belgium from my 9-day long fall break, and it was absolutely amazing. I couldn't have asked for a better trip to break up the semester. I'll write about that next time, as I haven't written about my CIEE group's weekend trip to Normandy which took place the weekend before I left for vacation.

I also celebrated my 21st birthday overseas just before we left, so that entire weekend was a blast. I've made so many good friends on this trip, and the majority of our group is really outgoing and friendly, so everyone always pulls together for birthdays to make them very memorable even though we are away from home.

Although the party lasted a long time, we woke up early on Friday to board the bus at 7:00 am and embark on our 8-hour bus ride to Normandy, France.

The first stop we made was at Mont Saint-Michel, an enormous castle-like monastery in the middle of the French countryside. It was stunning during the day, but even more so as the sun was setting.

We took a guided tour all the way to the top, and we were able to see the stretches of water and sands surrounding the structure, some of

which was quicksand and requires a special guide if one wishes to venture out beyond Mont Saint-Michel's immediate borders. After spending a great chunk of time there, we proceeded onward to our hostel, where we arrived and had a very nice dinner of what basically tasted like home-cooked comfort food.

The hostel was really nice, and oddly enough, there was a lamp-lit giant chessboard in the courtyard, which came in handy at night (Bayeux, the town we were staying in was beautiful, but lacked things to do any time past 8:00 pm).

Saturday was a much more moving and inspiring day. Our group made our way to the D-Day beaches, including Pointe du Hoc and Omaha Beach, the shore where American troops landed during WWII and suffered great losses.

This sense of loss was magnified after we visited the American Cemetery, which was spotted with thousands of graves. It really hit home when we saw epitaphs labeled "unknown," but nevertheless the striking cemetery really conveyed commemoration of the soldiers who lost their lives. Walking along the D-Day beaches, it was so surreal to envision what had happened there.

The day became a little more upbeat when we drove to Arromanches, the village nearby

and had lunch and went to a museum about the War.

After we headed home, we visited the giant cathedral in Bayeux and explored the town a little more. There were lots of specialty shops everywhere that we hadn't known about beforehand.

It was a cool little place.

On Sunday, we drove to the town of Amiens and I had been looking forward to seeing one of the cathedrals there because (I know this will sound kind of gross) St. John the Baptist's actual head is preserved there (I actually went to St. John the Baptist's Catholic School from kindergarten through the fifth grade).

However, we couldn't even really make it inside because a huge pil-



One of the landmarks Oren visited during his fall break, the Mont Saint-Michel in the French countryside.

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grimage we had not anticipated was taking place on that day, and it probably would have been disrespectful of us if we tried to go inside and take photos.

Overall, the trip was well worth the very long bus ride, and it brought our CIEE group closer together. Next time, I'll let you know all about my fall break in Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Venice, and lastly London, where I visited a big group of Muhlenbergers!!

Until then, Oren!



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The battle for Illi-buck a bigger game than most think:

Week 11 in College Football

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Illinois vs. #1 Ohio State

First off, Illinois is good enough to be ranked, and would be if they hadn't lost a trap game at Iowa. That being said, Illinois has a great shot of knocking off the Buckeyes. Rashard Mendenhall is the best running back in the Big Ten, and arguably the second best running back in the country behind Darren McFadden. Quarterback "Juice" Williams is starting to find his receivers downfield, which means the option can now have an option to pass as well. The defense is better than advertised, especially with Thorpe semi-finalist Vontae Davis in the defensive backfield. This is also a team that gave the 2006 Buckeyes a scare last season in Champaign. And that's why the Buckeyes will pull it out. The Buckeyes know this is the perfect trap game, because they fell for it last year...it won't happen again. Running back Chris "Beanie" Wells has looked dominant, and the Boeckman-Robiskie connection is looking really good. There are some concerns on defense, and that won't change after this week, because The Illini will score. However, I believe they won't be able to score enough to win this time around.

Prediction: Ohio State 27, Illinois 24

#18 Auburn vs. #10 Georgia

This game has the potential to be a fantastic battle, or a major yawner. Two of the more inconsistent teams in the SEC this season, both teams have a major win over Florida, and then mind-numbing losses (Auburn to Mississippi State, Georgia to Tennessee). For Georgia, freshman running

back Knowshon Moreno is very talented, as he is the only freshman (other than Herschel Walker) to rush for 1,000 yards in a season at Georgia. Look for him as he will be the primary weapon for the Bulldog offense. Auburn's difficulty this season certainly has been on offense, but that should be cured as they go up against a Bulldog defense which allowed 34 points to Troy. Both Cox and Stafford are inconsistent quarterbacks, but I think Cox will have an easier time, as the Auburn defense is better than Georgia's. Ultimately, I like the Tigers to knock off the Dawgs.

Prediction: Auburn 20, Georgia 14

#12 Michigan vs. Wisconsin

Will this be the game that Mike Hart finally stops talking? In all fairness, Mike Hart will probably be limited in this game due to being injured. That won't stop the Wolverines in the running game, as Carlos Brown has done a fine job filling in this season, including a 23 carry, 115 yard effort against Illinois. If they can cause Wisconsin to cheat up because of the run, expect a big day from the receivers as well. Wisconsin's greatest weapons are running back P.J. Hill and tight end Travis Beckum. Hill is day-to-day, but should be back for this game, and he can make a difference against the Wolverine defense. Beckum is also dangerous; they have not faced a tight end as versatile as he is. I see this game as high-scoring, but Michigan has too much fire power for the Badgers, as they prove to be a stepping stone to the Big Ten Championship Game against Ohio State.

Prediction: Michigan 28, Wisconsin 20

Men's Soccer reaches NCAA tournament

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

Finishing out the regular season, Muhlenberg Men's Soccer tied for the Centennial Conference Championship with Franklin & Marshall and Johns Hopkins. In their first playoff game, the Mules faced Johns Hopkins, a team who beat them in the regular season by a score of 2-1. However, since then the Mules have gained momentum, winning game after game, while the Blue Jays seemed to be going downhill. Unfortunately, the Jays were able to find their rhythm once again, this time in a playoff setting.

On Sat., Nov. 3, the Mules fought the Jays to open up the playoffs, but were unable to grasp the victory. The Mules (12-4) led the game 1-0 to start things off with a goal by sophomore Eric Miller, assisted by junior Brendan Carroll. But while the Mules started off the first half with a goal, the Blue Jays ended it with one of their own. With just over a minute left in the first half, the game was suddenly tied off a Johns Hopkins' corner kick.

With 9:41 left to play, the Blue Jays took the lead for good. Losing for a second time to Johns

Hopkins by a score of 2-1, the Mules went home with a loss. But, their hopes of earning an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament were still alive, and soon to become reality. The team received the bid to the NCAA Division III Championships, and will take on Virginia Wesleyan (16-3) on Sat., Nov. 10 at Salisbury. If the Mules win, they will play whoever wins a game between Salisbury and Old Westbury.

For the 13th time in team history, the Mules are playing in the NCAA Tournament. They will bring in their suffocating defensive play, with senior goalie Peter Bennett and senior back Jonathan Kliever earning a spot on the All-CC first team. Senior Karim Assous along with juniors Billy Dalton and Greg Leischner received honorable mention.

For the Women's Team, sophomore Christina O'Grady was named to the second team, and sophomores Kimberly Hacker and Samantha Hoffman received honorable mention. In ESPN the Magazine's Academic All-District II College Division, O'Grady was recognized again, earning a spot on the first team. Senior Maura Hendsey and sophomore Samuel Hayden from the Men's Team were named to the second team.



Senior Karim Assous was one of three Mules to receive honorable mention from the Conference.

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A season to remember

Mule Profile: Dustin Good

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

This season has undeniably been the most successful for the Mules Football Team. With a 9-0 record, a Centennial Conference Championship title, a top 20 national ranking, and a bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs, the boys are relying on each other more than ever to win their way across the country.

Senior Dustin Good knows a thing or two about being relied upon. Since his freshman year, he has played an important role on defense, and it appears as though this season, his experience has culminated into an outstanding performance overall.

"Everything has just been coming together this year," he said. "The offense has been amazing this year and the defense has been outstanding and they both help contribute a lot to each other's success. We just have a great team chemistry this year, and everyone has been doing a great job."

Modestly, Good praised the entire team for their achievements. But, with 1st Team All-League honors his junior and senior years of high school, a Defensive Player of the Year award his senior year of high school, an appearance in the Montgomery County All-Star Game, and a Second-Team All-Centennial Conference award last year, it's hard not to wonder if Good is really one of the main assets on the team.

The starting outside linebacker was originally ambivalent about playing football at Muhlenberg. "I choose to try and play football as a collegiate sport just because I really enjoy playing the game and being part of the team," he said. "I wasn't sure if I definitely wanted to play football in college, but after my senior season [in high school], I knew I would miss it too much not to play, and I just really enjoyed everything that comes along with being part of a team."

Whereas other star athletes spent years on premier teams and clubs who aimed at getting their players ready for college ball, Good was doing other things. "I played lacrosse in high school, but never considered playing in college," he said. "I think it was safe to say I never quite developed the stick skills needed to play at this level, but I did have a blast playing in high school and have many great memories from lacrosse."

His origins as a football player, he said, are pretty average, which makes his talent all the more admirable. "I had played soccer when I was really young, probably like every other kid out there, but when I entered middle school, my school had a football team. I knew I definitely wanted to give it a shot and really just fell in love with the sport."

The Pottstown, Pennsylvania native was originally a middle linebacker since his beginnings at Pottsgrove High School, but now he plays outside linebacker at Muhlenberg. "Although it may not seem like it, the positions are pretty different," Good explained. "I had played middle linebacker ever since I started playing football and played middle linebacker here my freshman season as well, but after that, I got moved to outside linebacker. Inside backer you get to sit and read and react a lot; at outside, you are often running a stunt or a blitz, so your job is kind of predetermined for you. I would say I miss inside linebacker a little, but outside linebacker has grown on me."

At the moment, stunts and blitzes are what occupy his time. "Right now during football season, I don't really have too much time for a lot of other activities or hobbies, but when I do have some free time, I just enjoy spending it with my friends."

Although he is certainly a football all-star, Good has other things going for him, too. He is a double major in economics and finance, and is ambitious about starting a successful life outside of college. However, like many of us, he has his reservations. "If I could go back, the more I think about it, I would have majored in Secondary Education. I think being a high school teacher and football coach would be a great career and something very fulfilling. Getting certified to teach still isn't out the question, so if I ever do that someday, I would love to coach high school football and have the sport still be a part of my life."

But the important thing right now, as the entire school would agree, is the next upcoming games for the Mules Football Team. Just like the rest of us, Good has high hopes. "I hope our team plays outstanding and up to our potential in the NCAA playoffs, and I just want to see how far we can make it," he said. He would certainly rather see his team succeed as a whole than see himself succeed by adding a few more tackles to his name.

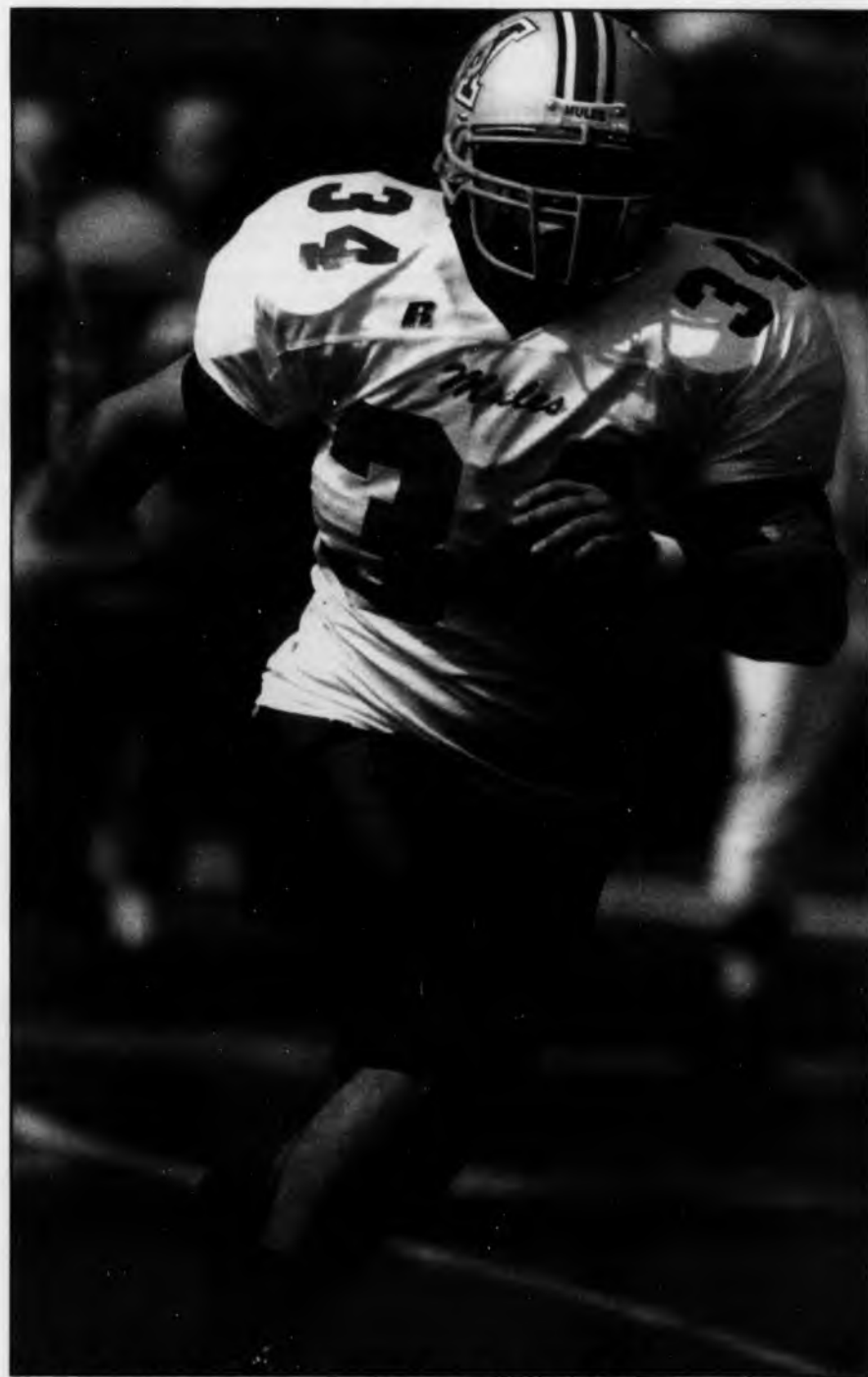
"This is a special season we are having, and it has been a very memorable one,

from the game at Gettysburg to beating Dickinson and Ursinus these past two weeks." Out of his four years at the 'Berg, this one will definitely be the year he remembers most, but it will also make walking away from the field even more difficult.

"I will miss the competitiveness and thrill that comes along with playing the sport. Nothing feels better than making a great play on game day. The games are what make all the hours of practice, camp, and lifting worth it. But, I will also miss just being a part of the team."

Considering the results so far this season, the blood, sweat, and tears have obviously been worth it. It should be a lesson to athletes across the country that hard work really does pay off.

According to Good, there are just a few things to remember in order to be successful. In a few short words, he summed up his strategy as well as his career: "Just work hard, do the right things, be a team."



Senior Dustin Good has been an integral part of the memorable 2007 season for the Mules.

Muhlenberg Women look to finish strong this year:

A Basketball preview

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Typically after going 19-7, a team would think about how it could keep up that type of record. However, this year's version of the Muhlenberg Women's Basketball Team is wondering how much better it can be. The Mules started off 11-0 last year, and going into their last 4 games were 19-3 before losing 4 straight to the three NCAA tournament teams. Coach Rohn attributes some of the late season drop off to key injuries such as losing point guard Abra Like '08 to a concussion and forward Bethany Enterline '09 to a leg injury. This year, if the team can stay healthy, they should make a solid run for another Centennial Conference title.

It starts with their leadership and chemistry. This is a team that has traditionally been rich in chemistry, going back to the early days of Coach Ron Rohn's run here at Muhlenberg in 2002. Coach Rohn feels as though this team has more chemistry than any other of his squads and that chemistry is probably the team's greatest strength at the start of the year. "If you were an outsider you would not be able to tell who was a freshmen or a senior," said Coach Rohn. Of course, that is if you didn't notice who was bringing the water bottles up from the training room before every practice. This team is so close, and it starts with the leadership at the top with captains Abra Like and Michelle Feldman. And it falls right down the line through the juniors to the freshmen. These girls want to win now that they know it is Abra and Michelle's senior year. They don't want to hear that they are too young and that next year is their year; they want to win now.

However, this won't be the same Mules team from last year. Coach Rohn is looking to speed up the pace of the game once again and use as many as 15 players a game to stay fresh and get the scoring up. This year's team is looking to play full-court pressure defense and force teams into turnovers. Without Meghan Courtney, an inside scoring force, or Emily Wright, one of the best three point shooters in school history, the Mules will be looking to get easy baskets off teams' mistakes. They will need contributions from every player and look to go three deep at every position on the court. This

will help players like Enterline who may not be able to go much more than 20 minutes a game. However, as coach Rohn pointed out, he cannot remember a game his team lost where they got at least 15 minutes out of his tough-minded forward.

As for the new faces, the team has two freshmen who have a good chance to contribute right away. Kelly McKeon is an explosive point guard who has the potential to be one of the best in the Conference at some point during her career. Commenting on how explosive she can be, Coach Rohn said that Muhlenberg hasn't seen a point guard of this dimension in ten years. Joining the explosive guard is forward Sheila Cook, who has the potential to put up Meghan Courtney numbers in a very steady form. She is someone who could eventually average 13 points and 8 rebounds a night. With freshmen like this and a solid group of upperclassmen, it is clear that the Mules have thoughts of winning the Centennial Conference again.

While that appears to be their goal, having a team with 10 freshmen and sophomores leaves a good element of mystery as to what will actually happen during the season. They could run into some early struggles with young players still learning the college game, but Coach Rohn's track record shows he is set to put out one of the best teams in the Centennial Conference, like he does every year. This year's team really should be hitting their stride as it comes time for the Conference tournament and could do some real damage late in the season.

A key to their success this year, as it has been over the last two years, will be Lauren Boyle. Boyle, who was named to the All-Conference team last year as a sophomore, averaged just under 16 points a game, and has worked hard to improve her ability to drive to the rim and grab rebounds. She might see time at the small forward position with Brenna Ferster looking to see some time at the shooting guard position. If the Mules can get multiple contributions from their freshmen and sophomores on a nightly basis as well as receiving the same type of play from their three returning starters (Boyle, Like, and junior center Erin McSherry), their goal of a championship could be realized.

Rugby Team walks away wearing silver

By Maura Hendsey
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg ruggers finished out their season this past weekend with a really big bang. The team entered their first ever Women's

Collegiate Playoffs, held in Gettysburg, with the number one seed in their division. Their first game on Saturday was against Lebanon Valley College. When the two teams competed earlier in the season, in a non-league game, the match ended in a tie. Because of this, both teams knew the competition was going to be tough. The Mules started off the game strong with a long kick from fly half Deb Crockett '10 to the speedy freshman winger, Stacey Wallstein. Wallstein was able to run the ball into the try zone for the first five points on the board for Muhlenberg. Unfortunately, LVC was quick to come back with a long drive into their zone.

The second half consisted of two more back-to-back goals first from LVC and then from Hannah Winckelmann '11 for Muhlenberg. With only one minute left in the game, a penalty was called in favor of the Mules. Their decision to kick for points saved the game when Crockett added three more points to the scoreboard for Muhlenberg. This ended the game 13-12 and allowed the Mules to advance to round two of the playoffs.

Gettysburg was the Mules' next opponent. The team was tough and fast but the Mules were still able to hold their ground. Gettysburg was first to score in the game, but Crockett was able to come back fast with a try for the Mules. With her first career try, captain Kate Alford '08 was next to put five points on the board for Muhlenberg. The last try came late in the second half from the determined Winckelmann. Even though the Mules lost 63-15, there were many key players on the field. Defensive players Allison Gadon '09, Joanna Karlitz '09, Cait Weigle '10, and Sara Watkins '11 each had an excellent game. They were able to recover multiple balls in rucks and gain yardage in their strong mauls. The back line also proved their ability with their excellent ball skills and tricky plays.

Even though the Mules walked off the field on Sunday with their first loss of the season, the ladies were proud and happy. The entire team was awarded with silver medals and was also granted the privilege to move up a division. After the game the referee for the match came over to talk to the team. He pointed out that in his ten years of refereeing for the Muhlenberg Rugby Team, this was the best he has ever seen the ladies look. Senior Janis Coughlin said, "I feel honored to be a part of this great experience. I look around at my teammates and know that we have really worked hard together to succeed." Overall the Mules ended their season proudly with a record of 3-1-1.

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Mules clinch first outright Centennial Conference Championship

By Zack Gugenheim
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The Muhlenberg Mules clinched the 2007 Centennial Conference Championship for the first time outright, with their 31-7 victory over Ursinus. With the big win, the Mules also clinched their fourth NCAA Tournament invitation, its first since 2004. And they won this game in the same fashion as they had been winning previously: great defense and running the football.

The "Silver Bullet" Defense flew around the field all game long, allowing only 97 total offensive yards, and only 27 rushing yards. They also forced four fumbles, two of which were turnovers. Junior Matt Rathbun, one of the recipients of the fumble recoveries, tied a school record with his seventh career fumble recovery. However, he wasn't the only one who had a milestone day.

Junior John Deluca crossed the 1,000 yard mark with a 28 carry, 144 yard day, running up his total to 1,134 rushing yards. He also scored his 10th and 11th rushing touchdowns on the season on runs of 25 and 57 yards. Tight end Matt Johnson also found himself on the receiving end of two touchdown passes, also of 25 and 57 yards; as he had an 8 catch, 116 yard performance which led to him becoming the first tight end in school history to gain over 500 receiving yards in a season. Quarterback Eric Santagato '09 followed up his four touchdown performance last week with those two touchdowns to Johnson, as he now has 11 passing touchdowns (along with 3 rushing and 1 receiving).

This weekend will be the last regular season game in 2007 for the Mules, as they take on arch-rival Moravian this Saturday at 1 P.M. at Scotty Wood Stadium.



Senior tight end Matt Johnson (left) was named Co-Offensive Player of the Week. Junior tight end Matt Smith (right) caught two passes in the game against Ursinus.

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Field Hockey finishes 3rd in Conference

By Kim Seedor
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The Field Hockey team's season ended on Sat., Nov. 3 during the Centennial Conference playoffs. The Mules were one game short of the Championship round, but fell short to #8 Johns Hopkins on Ursinus' turf.

It was a heartbreaking loss; the Mules were up 1-0 at the end of the first half with a goal scored by sophomore Kristen Sabia, but the Blue Jays were able to tie the game up at the beginning of the second half. Hopkins' second goal came in the middle of the second half off a penalty stroke, and the Mules never found the chance to redeem themselves.

However, Muhlenberg was able to keep their spot as the 3rd place team in the CC, which is an extremely laudable achievement, considering the only two teams above them are ranked in the top 10 programs in the entire country. One of those teams is the DIII defending national champion.

"Overall, we had a great season. We hit a few rough patches for some unknown rea-

sons, but what team doesn't?" said junior defender Julie DeLaurentis. "It's unfortunate that we ended our season just missing the Conference Championship game, but Hopkins went into the semis thinking they were going to kill us! I mean, we had opportunities, but we just couldn't capitalize on them. You can't keep thinking about the What-If's... they just make you depressed!"

But all in all, DeLaurentis thinks everything was worthwhile. "This year, we made a name for ourselves and now next year, people will be looking out for us."

Junior midfielder Cara Rothacker agrees with her teammate. "It was one of our best years at Muhlenberg. For the past two years we have made it to the Centennial Conference playoffs, but now we have created a name for our program that we are a true and consistent threat."

The team has extremely high hopes for next season with a lineup of rising stars and returning starters. Until then, they hope to smooth out their 'rough patches' during their spring season.



Senior Lauren Rutt found her Muhlenberg Field Hockey career at an end after the Mules' loss to Johns Hopkins.

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Nyombayire speaks out against genocide

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Wed., Nov. 7 Stephanie Nyombayire spoke out against the genocide in Darfur as part of this year's Center for Ethics program. The event was co-sponsored by both the Center for Ethics and Hillel. Nyombayire is a Rwandan student at Swarthmore College who has put in endless amounts of time and effort to help end the genocide in Darfur. Having lost over one hundred family members herself in the Rwandan genocide of 1994, Nyombayire speaks to her audiences with personal experience of what genocide has the power to do.

During her presentation Nyombayire briefed the audience on the situation that took place in Rwanda, and the one that is currently taking place in Darfur. She could not stress enough to everyone there that genocide is happening now, and that it is up to everyone who knows about genocide to help put it to a stop. Nyombayire also has very recent stories and experiences about the genocide in Darfur because in March of 2005 she was selected by MTVUniversity to be their Sudan Correspondent. While the project had intended for Nyombayire to travel to the Darfur region of Sudan, a

denied entry lead her to visit refugee camps in Chad.

During her presentation Nyombayire showed pictures of the camps that are located in the middle of the desert. The tents that the refugees live in are little more than a tarp or some kind of plastic attempting to provide some kind of shelter. While at the camps she had the opportunity to meet with children who had been through horrific encounters and women who held their dying children in their arms. While the numbers of the genocide have reached significantly high levels, Nyombayire reminded everyone that each individual affected by genocide has his or her own story to tell.

During her discussion about the refugees she met, Nyombayire seemed very affected by the impact that the genocide is having on children. When she asked three children of the ages six, eight, and ten to make drawings for her, she received pieces of paper that expressed death and violence. The children of Darfur have come to know only death and violence because it is the only thing they see in their lives, and while there is an image of what the refugees wish their home country could look like one day, there

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Members of Hillel worked with the Center for Ethics to arrange Stephanie Nyombayire's visit to the College.

PHOTO BY MEREDITH CLINTON

Ten thousand villages promotes fair trade



Christina Harkness '08 [left] and Jen Sherlock '08 [right] are part of Marketing for Non-Profit Organizations and helped to organize the Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Festival.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Festival will be making its annual visit to campus on Wed., Nov. 28 and Thurs., Nov. 29. This festival has been coordinated by the Marketing for Non-Profit Organizations class along with the Community Service Office for the past four years.

Its purpose is to promote fair trade, which will provide fair wages to third world artisans, and to offer students a great selection of jewelry, onyx candle holders, jewelry boxes, instruments, decorative items, pillows and other various products.

The fair is sponsored by the Ten Thousand Villages company, which works with over 100 artisan groups in more than 30 countries in

Africa, Asia and Latin America. This company has actual satellite stores that sell many more products than will be offered at the festival.

Christina Harkness '08, has been working along with her fellow peers in the Non-Profit Organizations class, to put this fair into production. She explained that the class organized the production by splitting themselves up into four sub-committees: publicity on campus, publicity in the community, the "catch-all" group and the Garden Room dinner group.

Harkness was a part of the publicity on campus sub-committee, which means that she helped advertise and bring awareness to campus about the event and about fair trade.

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Freedom of speech?

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution protects our right to freedom of expression. This includes rights to freedom of speech, press, assembly, and to petition the government. As journalists who frame each story that gets printed in the College's newspaper each week, we are happy that administrators and other members of the College community recognize this amendment and allow us to decide what to cover, what to write and where we stand on issues around campus without intervening. We like to think that what we publish is as unbiased as possible, regardless of the image members of the College community want us to portray.

Unfortunately, mass media in America has not utilized its First Amendment freedoms to their fullest. Media moguls allow the Bush administration to form the opinions given through their stories, which can be seen through the scandal of Abu Ghraib. While all of the evidence behind the story of the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq pointed toward widespread torture policy, many different mainstream media outlets, such as *The Washington Post* and CBS Evening News, framed the story of Abu Ghraib as isolated abuse; this was the result that the Bush administration wanted portrayed to the American public.

While mainstream media outlets have allowed the Bush administration to interfere with their First Amendment rights, we like to feel that we not only work independently from the College administration, but that we use this publication to critique the administration in what they are and are not doing. Three issues ago we wrote about the state of *The Weekly* office. Since then, we have received word that Plant Operations and the Dean of Students Office has taken the necessary steps to assure that this issue will be taken care of. While our office is still hot and unventilated, we know that our days in the heat are limited and that the College does take our written words seriously. We appreciate the quick actions taken to alleviate the situation and value the fact that the College allows us to exercise our First Amendment right and acts on what we express.

In defense of SparkNotes

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

According to the concepts of integrity, which are honesty, sincerity, and uncorrupted moral virtue, that govern most of our thoughts and actions, we've come up with the basis of most of the Ten Commandments, including thou shall not cheat. Aside from the conventional and clear-cut definitions of cheating, like cheating on your significant other or cheating on an exam, what is considered cheating exactly? What about those grey areas such as cliff notes, otherwise known as SparkNotes?

Face it; in high school we all used SparkNotes at one point or another as an easy way out of homework. Too lazy to read that book for English, or to use the euphemism,

don't have enough time to read that book for English? Read the summary online instead. Not only will reading the summary take considerably less time, but unlike the book itself it is almost guaranteed to be understandable, and chances are you will probably do as well on the paper or exam as the person who took the time to actually read the book. Good deal, right? Unfortunately, most people would consider that cheating because you aren't actually doing the work yourself.

There is, however, a complication to the use of SparkNotes. What about the student who has done the work and uses SparkNotes to clarify what they've read? Or the student who reads through SparkNotes after

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

It has been about a month since we first wrote to ask the Board of Trustees to divest from Darfur now. Since then the town of Haskanita, Sudan was raided and burned; one hundred civilians and ten African Union Peacekeepers were murdered (*New York Times*, 10/15/2007; *Los Angeles Times*, 10/15/2007). Twenty were murdered in refugee camps in Eastern Chad (*Reuters*, 10/16/07). Chad has since declared a state of emergency because of the ongoing violence in refugee camps; there are more than 250,000 refugees living in this region (*Reuters*, 10/17/2007; *Agence France Presse*, 10/16/2007). Three World Program Truck Drivers were killed as they tried to bring food into Southern Darfur (*Reuters*, 10/17/2007). Thirty civilians were killed, including children, as the government army raided a local mosque, slit throats, and shot a five year old boy in the back as he tried to flee (*Reuters*, 10/17/2007). Government troops were deployed to Kalma, Darfur (a refugee camp) in order to kill and rape the people and burn the camp (*Agence France Presse*, 10/19/2007). International workers were kidnapped at an oil plant in an effort by rebel groups to make a statement to China to stop funding the genocide via its investment in the oil region of Sudan (*Associated Press*, 10/25/2007). The UN failed to stop government armies from loading hundreds of refugees at gun point onto trucks and busing them out of a refugee camp in order to continue the genocide in secret (*BBC*, 10/29/2007). Peace talks were delayed until December because not enough of the important rebel groups were represented. Although these peace talks have been postponed for December, two of the largest rebel groups, the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudan Liberation Army still say they will not attend later talks, making it probable that peace will not be reached (*Reuters*, 11/05/2007).

First of all, we would like to thank Kent Dyer and Jeffrey Porphy for their response to our article. Communication and conversation are vital to the progression of our campus community and we appreciate the time taken to respond. It is great to hear that social justice has been brought up alongside issues of investment, however, it is still taking too long and we cannot afford to wait until January to do our part in stopping the genocide in Darfur. Perhaps you need more time to consider an overall investment strategy that involves the idea of being socially aware, but why not take the first step and divest from Darfur now, while it is helpful, and then return to revamping the entire investment strategy. It may seem difficult to decide what other conflicts to divest from and what conflicts to stay invested in, but this one's a no-brainer, and we all know it. At least get your foot in the door to creating a socially aware institution with strong morals.

The amount of money invested in Sudan by the college right now is listed in the previous article as being "one quarter of one percent of the endowment fund." In the context of the last article we believe this statistic was named in order to suggest that we don't have very much money involved in Sudan, so why do we need to rush into divesting it? It's not as though we are really supporting anything with our small investments, right? And yet, if the investments are so small, why is it so hard to rearrange them? If we are only investing .25%, surely that does not seem like a number that would make our endowment fund crash and burn if we were to suddenly remove it. Further more, try again to compare the pain and emotional issues that would arise from a problem with our endowment fund to the slitting of throats in a mosque and the raping of women in refugee camps. Now say the decision to divest and to try to keep another five-year-old boy from being shot in the back is difficult.

We understand that the overall process might be slow, painful, and complex, and in a situation without genocide that might be acceptable. But the longer we take, the more money we put toward ethnic cleansing. In our Muhlenberg College Statement on Diversity it is written that the college has a "commitment to principles of justice, equality and democracy." Let's start to actually live up to the statements that we make and stop just writing that we believe in justice but acting like we care more about money than the justice the people in Darfur deserve. Right now, instead of fulfilling our Statement on Diversity, we are fulfilling our Statement on Genocide - we don't really support it, but we're going to give a little bit of money to it anyway. That's okay for now, right? Wrong.

With the recent showing of Hotel Rwanda on campus and the well-attended lecture by Stephanie Nyombayire (a survivor of the genocide in Rwanda) it is clear that the campus community is concerned with genocide. However, the student body doesn't make decisions about the

**We still want
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Troubling trends in Pakistan



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

America can't seem to catch a break in the Middle East. After the attacks on September 11th, we began counting on Pakistan as a major ally in the region in our war against terrorism. The White House backed leader General Pervez Musharraf and funded his government billions of dollars to help root out terrorist organizations in and

around their nation. Now Musharraf has blindsided the Bush administration by suspending constitutional rights and seizing emergency powers. The decision has basically placed Pakistan under martial law and led to opposition leaders being placed in prison.

The situation inside Pakistan has been a complex one over the past few years. Musharraf is an American-backed military dictator, who presides over a government with nuclear weapons at its disposal. Inside Pakistan, he is not a popular leader among the people and is facing heavy opposition from a number of different political parties, and the nation's Supreme Court. He has claimed to be moving his nation toward democracy over the past eight years, yet there is little evidence of his transition having any type of success.

Critics assert his latest decision to

suspend the constitution is due to an impending ruling by the Supreme Court that would question the legality of his re-election last month. The court is now shut down, along with the independent media sources that could question Musharraf. Beyond that, opposition leader Benazir Bhutto has been placed under house detention to prevent her from leading a march in protest of Musharraf's actions.

America is now in an extremely difficult position. There had already been numerous questions about the Bush administration's heavy financial support of Pakistan. These concerns were due to the continued presence of terrorists along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border and questions about how the billions of dollars were being spent to help promote democracy. After Musharraf's latest action, America is currently supporting

a military dictator who is losing his grip on power and is resorting to desperate actions. His decision has only increased instability, in an already unstable nation that is torn between secularism and a more conservative brand of Islamic rule.

The Bush administration has paid its obligatory lip service criticizing Musharraf's decision, yet now must decide whether to take any real action. Removing the billions of American dollars that support Musharraf would be a start. Supporting military dictators has never benefited America in the past and certainly will not in this situation. America needs a peaceful nation on the border of Afghanistan and cannot afford to see another nation fall into a state of civil war in the Middle East. Beyond that, America needs a government they can trust in control of Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. Allowing Pakistan to turn into another Afghanistan is an unimaginably bad situation for America's short and long term safety.

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endowment fund. It seems that in a logical setting, if the campus community is concerned about genocide, and divestment is a strong strategy against genocide, then the Board, the people who have the students' interests at hand, would want to support divestment. And yet, there is still a sound barrier between the campus community and the Board's lack of decision. We as a Student Body need to make our voices heard more loudly.

This article is just a start. But its not just that we need to speak louder, we also need to be listened to. Listen, hear our voices: we want divestment and we want it now.

Barbara Macholz '08 and Jacy Good '08

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reading the book in order to spark an idea for a paper topic—after all it is called "SparkNotes." Technically, that wouldn't be cheating because the student has already done the work, they'd just be using SparkNotes as an extra resource.

What if we re-thought how we dealt with looking at the information in the first place? What if we merely used Sparknotes as another way to look at our problem? Considering that a major part of our liberal arts education is the encouragement to think outside the box for new and fresh approaches to ideas, perhaps Sparknotes is appropriate.

If SparkNotes is a way to save time on assignments, and that time would be better spent on other assignments, then SparkNotes is a good thing. The first component of

good study habits is time management, and in order to manage your time wisely you must prioritize. No one wants to acknowledge that one assignment or activity is more important than another, however, it does happen. If you honestly feel that playing five hours straight of Mario Kart is more important than reading for a class, then I think that by now, as college students, we have a right to decide for ourselves what is most important in our daily lives.

SparkNotes is a gift. Its use is not controlled by our academic system and reading it will never be assigned as homework. If it was, I would be willing to bet that someone would find an easier way around that. That is the beauty of SparkNotes. It is the creative, but lazy man's guide to homework. SparkNotes is necessary, because, after all, time and ease are the unacknowledged legislators of the world.

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Cans Across America deemed a success this year

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Sodexo sponsored the second annual Cans Across America event last Wed., Nov. 7 in the Garden Room. Coinciding with this week's Hunger and Homelessness Awareness, Cans Across America is an effort to raise awareness of the homeless and hungry world wide.

The goal is to collect the most food in one day to set a Guinness World Record. The food collected is donated to charities and shelters within the community in which it has been collected.

This year's event raised over twice the amount as last year. Ron Beimel, General Manager of Dining Services, said, "We collected 542 pounds of food this year with students donating over \$270 of their own Flex and Dining Dollars toward the effort.

These students should be

applauded for their selfless giving and I would like to thank them for their donations to this worthy cause. All of the food collected will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeast, PA."

Last year only 250 pounds of food were collected, and this year's collection goal had been set at 300. Other schools that participate in Cans Across America through Sodexo include Lehigh University, Moravian College, DeSales University, and Lafayette College, Northampton Community College. Assistance in coordinating the event came from Tom Henry, Garden Room Manager, and Jennifer Cohen '09, Student Manager of the Garden Room, along with the help of Kate Cartwright, Assistant Director of Community Service and

Civic Engagement, and Beth Halpern, Director of Community Service and Civic Engagement, in the Community Service Office.

"My role as Student Manager of Garden Room was to market this event to the best of my ability. I worked in conjunction with the Community Service Office to reach out to students about this event. Next year we hope to have an even bigger turn out and really show people what the students here are capable of. As a result of Cans Across America, I hope to see students more involved in the homeless community as well as increase awareness of the problem. We hope to send out the message to students that they can help and we want to

show them how much one dollar or one can can help those in need," said Cohen.

Seeing as the event was such a big success this year,

it is very likely that it will be seen on campus for years to come. "Hopefully we will gain even more momentum and beat this year's total next year," said Beimel.



MEMBERS OF THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY BROUGHT CANNED FOOD, DISPLAYED ABOVE, TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

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Scotty Wood returns for its annual tournament

By Beth Schwartz
COPY EDITOR

The Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament just celebrated its 25th anniversary last November. Back in 1982, however, it started out as an unsuccessful attempt to unite the College community, yet it lacked the community's sponsorship and support. Since then, it has grown to be a weekend full of large crowds, entertainment and raffles and other prizes for tournament-goers to win.

The Scotty Wood Basketball Tournament is named after Milton W. "Scotty" Wood, the founder of Wood dining services that still operates at the College today. Wood has been in the food business during his whole career, starting out in inner-city Allentown with a small sandwich shop called the Home Restaurant in the

1940s. The College Basketball Team actually frequented his shop often, when their practices ended too late for them to eat on campus.

In the mid-80's, when the Muhlenberg Tip-Off Tournaments were unsuccessful, and considering the ties that Wood had with the basketball teams back in the 1940s, the College turned to Wood services to help with the Tournament. Robert Wood, Scotty's son, decided to lead the renewal of the Tournament under the new name, the Scotty Wood Tournament. In 1999, to honor Scotty Wood and show the College's great appreciation, the football stadium was renamed after him. He was also inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002, shortly before his death in June 2003.

The Scotty Wood Tournament began in 1986

to raise more student participation and it was decided that the advertisers of the Tournament would be a committee made up of one professor and 12 students from one of the College's marketing management classes. The committee planned the whole Tournament and advertised the Tournament. Starting last week, the committee has been selling t-shirts and souvenirs and planning the weekend activities, such as raffles and prizes.

The 2007 Scotty Wood Tournament is this weekend, Nov. 16-17, with both men's and women's basketball games. The Tournament consists of eight college teams, four men's and four women's. The Mules men's team last won the Tournament in 2005, while the women won the tournament for the last four years. Both teams will try to make it into the

Championship games, hoping that the Mules win both the men's and women's tournaments.

The games are scheduled for Friday night and the Consolation and Championship games are scheduled for Saturday afternoon into Saturday evening. Women teams participating are Muhlenberg, Scranton College, SUNY New Paltz and Villa Julie College. Men teams participating are Muhlenberg, Curry College, New Jersey City University and Philadelphia Biblical University. There will be acapella performances by the Chaimonics, Noteworthy, the Dynamics, InAcchord, the Acafellas and the Girls Next Door, along with dance performances by Mint* and The Perkulators. Dana Parisi '09 and the first Muhlenberg Idol, Alex Kennedy '09, will be performing.

Lisa Harrison '08 and Christina Harkness '08 are co-chairing Scotty Wood. Harrison said, "For me, this project has been a great experience. Our team has worked very well together, with everyone taking on a part of the project and being very involved. It's a great hands-on learning experience and a good way to apply what you learn in the classroom to real life experiences and events. It's also a great way to show school spirit, support Athletics and the Basketball teams! Go Mules!"

Harkness adds, "I think we'll have a good turnout at the tournament. Our committee has done an awesome job at coordinating events to rev up the energy and get everyone excited for the weekend and we have pretty much painted the campus orange with all of our flyers in hopes of spreading the word."

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home country could look like one day, there is little hope among them for that image to become a reality.

It is Nyombayire's belief that the country cannot continue to honor the lives that have already been lost in this and past genocides while there are still lives being taken. She said that the promise of "Never Again" that was made after the Holocaust has been broken, and asked, "When will it be time to end empty promises?" She strongly emphasized the need to stop the talk about genocide and to begin taking action.

Nyombayire has taken the steps to take many actions against the genocide in Darfur and genocide in general. She helped to create the Genocide Intervention Network, which ensures that there can be no blame placed upon people for not caring about genocide. The mission of the organization is to empower individuals and communities with the tools to prevent and stop genocide. With the cre-

ation of organizations like this, women and girls, specifically in refugee camps in North Darfur, can receive protection from being assaulted while collecting firewood on a daily basis.

There are many organizations that are putting an end to genocide which need our support. Places like Darfur and Rwanda

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need the assistance of the international community to help find peace, but, as Nyombayire expressed, the international community continually dismisses any issues that are brought to the surface. By visiting the website www.genocideintervention.net one can discover how he or she can help to divest in Darfur and genocide. There is also a hotline, 1-800-genocide, where information is provided about how individual states and legislation are taking the necessary steps to end genocide.

Nyombayire goes back to Rwanda often and plans to return there to help rebuild the region once she has gone to law school. She ended her presentation by saying that the international community has already failed in saving millions of lives and that

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She worked with the campus radio and newspapers, and spread the word to campus clubs and organizations so that they would encourage their members to attend the fair.

The community sub-committee has displayed advertisements all over the Allentown area and requested an article for the fair in the Morning Call. They are also working with some businesses to see if they will be willing to hang up signs in their windows. The Garden Room dinner committee will be setting up a dinner for Mon., Nov. 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This dinner will help advertise the fair to students and will include fun decorations and sample products that will be sold at the festival.

The catch-all sub-committee has been in contact with local representatives from the local Ten Thousand Villages store and has been working with them to decide what kinds of items to sell based on what items have generally been popular in the past at the College. They have been able to analyze data and surveys of the past sales at the College which have helped them greatly to plan for this year.

Harkness hopes that after all of this hard work and planning, the fair will attract a large number of people and perhaps even surpass the success of last year's fair, which had around 1,100 people attend and earned about \$22,000 in revenue. The Fair Trade fes-

tival is something that is very important to the members of the Non-Profit Organizations class because Harkness explains, "it is necessary to educate the campus because not that many people are aware of what fair trade is exactly. It is such a great thing because it gives these third world artisans fair wages for their products. They spend so much time and hard labor on all of these hand-made crafts and because they come from such a poor country, this gives them a chance to do something they would normally not have the opportunity to do."

This year the fair will have a few bonus features that have not been included in the past. Some acapella groups are scheduled to sing and Harkness is working with Charles Anderson, Assistant Professor of Dance and Director of African American studies, to have his African Dance class perform.

She hopes that this will draw more attention to the fair and also educate people about African culture since there will be many African crafts offered. There will also be "personal shoppers" this year, which will be available to assist in shopping.

"These are especially for those who do not like to shop, or do not know what to get, a.k.a. boys", explains Harkness. These additional elements, along with the hard work of many students, will certainly help create an educational and entertaining fair that will provide the Student Body with some excellent gifts for the holidays.

Community reaches out to teach kids about cooking and nutrition



During the Kids Can Cook event, the children were actively participating in the cooking lessons that were taught by the sponsors.

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By Meredith Clinton &
Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS & ASST. NEWS EDITORS

On Tues., Nov. 13 The Cops 'n' Kids Literacy Program of Quota International Bethlehem, College students and Looper's Grille and Bar teamed together to address the dilemma of children's lack of nutrition within the area.

Many children in the surrounding area that belong to single-parent families, or have parents who work long hours, often find themselves grabbing unhealthy snacks and not having substantial meals for dinner. It is necessary for these children to learn about proper nutrition so that they can prepare healthier meals.

The program, Kids Can Cook, helps inner-city families meet the challenge of serving nutritious meals in

the absence of working parents. With the guidance of the participating groups, 30 pupils were given the necessary skills to provide a nutritious meal for themselves or other family members while also being sure to stay safe in the kitchen. Kids Can Cook took place at Northampton Community College's Fowler Family Southside Center in Bethlehem.

Community support for this event was also seen with generous donations made by companies such as Giant, Wegmans and Rodale Press.

"The children really seemed to enjoy their time. Many of them already cook for or help cook for their families. The kids seemed really eager to learn a new recipe and were thrilled that they got to take supplies to make the recipe at home," said Jason Tenenbaum '09.

Rake-a-Thon 2007



Members of Student Council participated in the annual Rake-A-Thon. Students raked leaves in the surrounding area to give back to the local community. "Rake-a-Thon was a great opportunity for Muhlenberg students to bond with the surrounding community and each other," said Joe Armenti, Class of 2010 President.

Compiled by Jamie Schneider

Student Body Meeting

**Tuesday, November 27
8:00 PM, Great Room**

**E-mail ideas for the agenda to:
COMMCOMMITTEE@MUHLENBERG.EDU**



Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to the spraying of an air freshener on the first floor of Brown Hall.

Nov. 6 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to steam from the shower at 2251 Turner Street.

Nov. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to cooking at 2245 Liberty Street.

Nov. 8 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - The rear window of a student's vehicle was smashed in the 400 block of Chew Street. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 8 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle in the upper parking lot of The Village was booted because it was illegally parked and had 12 unpaid parking tickets.

Nov. 8 - Liquor Law - An underage student was found consuming alcohol on the third floor annex of Prosser Hall. He was referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 9 - Vehicle Violation - A vehicle in the sorority parking lot of 2202 Gordon Street was booted due to an excessive amount of parking

tickets.

Nov. 9 - Fire Alarm System Trouble - A fire alarm was set off because a student was playing with the valves of the sprinkler system on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall.

Nov. 9 - Failure to Comply - A student refused to evacuate the building when the fire alarm system went off in Martin Luther Hall. He will be receiving a \$300 fine and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 9 - Safety Hazard - A smoke detector was found covered in plastic on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall. The individual who covered the alarm will be receiving a \$300 fine and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 419 Leh Street.

Nov. 9 - Liquor Law - Ten underage individuals were found consuming alcohol on the first floor of Martin Luther Hall. Five of these individuals were students at the College and will be referred to the Judicial

Process. The other individuals will be receiving letters of trespass.

Nov. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food on the stove at 2201 Chew Street.

Nov. 10 - Liquor Law - An underage student was found to be extremely intoxicated on the third floor of Martin Luther Hall. She was transported to the hospital and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 2201 Chew Street due to burnt food.

Nov. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to food on the stove at 2206 Chew Street.

Nov. 10 - Residential Policy - A student kicked a bag of trash all over the hall on the third floor of Walz Hall. Plant Operations was sent to clean up the excessive trash.

Nov. 11 - Disorderly Conduct - An intoxicated student was being very disruptive in the 400 block of N. 22nd Street. He was arrested for public intoxica-

tion and disorderly conduct. House.

Nov. 11 - Disorderly Conduct - Two intoxicated students were yelling at each other in the Trexler parking lot. They will be referred to the Judicial Process for underage drinking and disorderly conduct.

Nov. 11 - Liquor Law - An intoxicated student in the Martin Luther underground was transported to the hospital. She will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 11 - Liquor Law - An underage student was found consuming alcohol in the 500 block of Liberty Street. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 11 - Disorderly Conduct - An intoxicated student was being loud and kicking signs over in the Trexler parking lot. He was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Nov. 11 - Injured Student - A student fell and cut his hand in the Martin Luther Hall parking lot. He was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 11 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn in the Hillcrest

Nov. 12 - Institutional Vandalism - Red paint was found all over the walls in the stalls of the women's bathroom in the football stadium. Plant Operations was sent to clean up the mess.

Nov. 12 - Theft - About \$10 was taken from a vehicle parked in the lower parking lot of The Village. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 12 - Injured Student - A student injured his right ankle on the indoor track in the Life Sports Center. He was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 12 - Unlawful Entry - A student climbed through a window to get into a room on the first floor of Taylor Hall. When Campus Safety went into the room to investigate, they found illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, and possession of stolen property. This matter will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 12 - Injured Student - A student injured his ankle while playing basketball in Memorial Hall in the Life Sports Center. He was transported to the hospital.

SCOTTY WOOD

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

1:00 Scranton vs. SUNY New Paltz (*Women*)

3:00 Curry vs. New Jersey City (*Men*)

6:00 **Muhlenberg** vs. Villa Julie (*Women*)

8:00 **Muhlenberg** vs. Philadelphia Biblical (*Men*)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

1:00 Women's Consolation Game

3:00 Men's Consolation Game

6:00 Women's Championship Game

8:00 Men's Championship Game

On Saturday, wear your Scotty Wood T-shirt to the Liberty Street Tavern from 4-6pm for \$1.00 slices of pizza.

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The Perkulators

Girls Next Door

The Pep Band



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WEEKLY

Life!

"The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

-Robert Byrne

Students compete to be Muhlenberg Idol

By Navah Meller
LIFE EDITOR

Fri. Nov. 9 at 9:00 p.m., Muhlenberg Idol took place in the Great Room. The campus wide event, which was based on the popular FOX network show, American Idol, held auditions previous to the event, and selected ten competitors.

The event was judged by Dean Karen Green, Mike Bruckner, Dr. Jeffrey Rudski, and Lt. Brenda Lakis. The performers included, Lisa Marie Ianuzzi '11, Zack Gugenheim '08, Alex Kennedy '09, Joe Armenti '10, Kaitlyn Ryan '11, Mike Bloom '11, Tom Kelleher '08, David Bass-Clark '10, Traci Lazarowitz '08, and Justin Demko '09.

In the first round, all ten competi-

tors performed a song from the Billboard Top 100 as of October. The length could be from thirty seconds to two minutes. After each singer performed, they were critiqued by the four judges. The judges offered many humorous and at times harsh critiques of the performers, but had the audience laughing constantly. Following the first round, the judges eliminated five of the contestants. Tom Kelleher, Alex Kennedy, Traci Lazarowitz, Justin Demko, and David Bass-Clark all moved onto the second round. In this round, the top five performers had to sing any song from before 1950, and the song had to be two minutes long.

Upon completion of this round, the excitement in the room became apparent, with many cheering on

their favorites to win.

Alex Kennedy, Tom Kelleher, and Traci Lazarowitz all moved onto the final round. In the final round the performers were able to sing any song of their choice. The overall winner and Muhlenberg Idol was Alex Kennedy, whom had been an obvious favorite of the audience throughout the competition.

Muhlenberg Idol had a very impressive turnout, with over 200 people having bought tickets. According to Matt Fash '09, one of the coordinators of the event, "The doors opened at 8:30, the room was half full by 8:40, full by 8:50, and by the time the show started it was standing room only. It was so great to see so many aspects of campus represented at this event. Everyone came together to support their friends and have a good time." The Great Room was full, and many students even made signs to support their favorite idol wannabe.

The event was hosted by Ryan Campbell who did his best Ryan Seacrest impersonation throughout the show, and had the audience constantly laughing with his jokes, and his interviews of the contestants. The show also had comedian Mr.

Nick Fargione, and the accompanist for the singers was Mr. Robert F. McCrann. Muhlenberg Idol was co-sponsored by the 2009 class council, and the Pep Band. Due to the popularity and success of Muhlenberg Idol, event planner Laura Sansoti '09 said, "Muhlenberg Idol was a bigger success than we ever dreamed it would be. A good time was had by all. We plan on making this an annual event!"



Above: Alex Kennedy '09 performs on stage.

Left: The contestants anxiously await to find who will qualify to move on to the next round.

PHOTOS BY JAMIE SCHNEIDER



Comedy Central star Demetri Martin to perform at the 'Berg

On Tues. Nov. 27 at 10 p.m., comedian Demetri Martin will be performing at the College. He will be performing in the field house in a Muhlenberg Activities Council sponsored event.

Comedy Central has recently picked up a new series by Demetri Martin. The show, entitled, "Important Things with Demetri Martin," was announced by the Executive Vice President of Original Programming and Development of Comedy Central, Lauren Corrao. Martin has been a regular on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." When making the announcement about his new show, Corrao said, "Demetri Martin is truly an original. He's the only guy that can take you on a hilarious journey on the importance of apples for thirty minutes and make you laugh and make you think." Martin's show will be a "stream-of-consciousness sketch and variety show," in which Martin will analyze a single topic, and discuss it through his views. The show is executive produced by Martin himself and Jon Stewart.

Martin, who has been voted one of the "25 Funniest People in America" by *Entertainment Weekly*, is a Yale graduate and left NYU Law School to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. He has traveled the country performing, and most recently starred in "Comedy Central Live! Demetri Martin: These are Jokes Tour." He has been promoting his CD, "These are Jokes." Martin has appeared in numerous comedy specials, and has written and performed for "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

COMPILED BY: NAVAH MELLER

American Gangster:

A spectacular revolution

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Ridley Scott's new epic, loosely based on Mark Jacobson's *New York Magazine* article, "The Return of Superfly," tells the story of Harlem's most ruthless drug kingpin. *American Gangster* follows Frank Lucas' transformation from the driver of the infamous gangster, and his mentor Bumpy Johnson, into Harlem's most notorious gangster of the late 60's and 70's. Oscar season has officially arrived with the release of this probable Best Picture nominee.

American Gangster features spectacular acting performances by everyone, from Best-Actor Oscar award winner Denzel Washington as Frank Lucas, all the way down to the smallest of roles.

In the opening scene, Lucas commits one of the more vicious murders shown in movie history,

and we know that we are going to be in for a brutal 2 hours and 40 minutes (the length of the film).

Russell Crowe, a Best-Actor winner as well, portrays the painfully honest detective Ritchie Roberts. Roberts is so honest that he even returns nearly \$1 million in untraceable drug money, making him a pariah in the largely corrupt police force.

Lucas' success as a dope-dealing gangster results from his innovative way of getting the product into America.

He realizes that if he cuts out the middleman, the Mafia, in the dope deals and goes directly to the source of the product, he can sell heroin that is twice as potent at half the price.

His technique of getting the heroin from Southeast Asia into America is as depraved as it is genius. Through his innovative methods, Lucas becomes the most successful nar-

cotics dealer in American History.

What separates this film from other gangster movies is how it portrays opposite worlds clashing. A source of great irony is that Lucas, the ruthless businessman with a nearly picture perfect personal life pits his wits against Roberts, the boy scout of a cop with a personal life in shambles. Another very interesting, very unique aspect of the film is the use of a common enemy, Detective Trupo, shared by both Lucas and Roberts.

Josh Brolin nearly steals the spot light away from both Washington and Crowe as the unspeakably corrupt—and disgusting Trupo. He impedes the progress of both protagonists, which, in the end, becomes a major factor in the fates of both Roberts and Lucas.

Unfortunately, as Scott delves into the life of Roberts, we lose the main

focus of the film: the story of Frank Lucas' rise to power and ultimate fate. The film devotes almost an equal amount of time to both Lucas and Roberts, despite the fact that the most exciting character is Lucas. That would be my only criticism of the film. Other than that, it was flawless.

The first time that both Washington and Crowe share the screen comes about two hours into the movie and conjures memories of the finale of Michael Mann's film "Heat." Al Pacino and Robert De Niro share the screen for only a few moments at the end where very few words are uttered, but the audience is left in awe.

What is almost as intriguing as the film itself is learning of the ultimate fates of both Lucas and Roberts. *American Gangster* is as educational as it is entertaining and for that, is a must-see.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD BE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD
RIGHT NOW, WHERE WOULD YOU BE?



"Back in Italy, where I studied abroad."
-Liz Faughnan '08



"There is no where I would rather be right now than GQ."
-Bianca Johnson '11



"Home."
-Kelly McLaughlin '11



"Brandon Schreck's house."
-Pat Lewis '08



"Hiding in a locker in the women's locker room."
-Keith Shalvoy '08

Compiled by Alex Kaplan

AMC Weekend Listings



American Gangster

Fri. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40
Sat. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40
Sun. 2:30, 6:20, 9:40

Bee Movie

Fri. 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 5:00, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:10

Fred Claus

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 1:45, 4:30, 7:30

Dan in Real Life

Fri. 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
Sat. 5:10, 7:45, 10:10
Sun. 2:50, 5:10, 7:45

The Game Plan

Fri. 2:15, 4:50
Sat. 2:15, 4:50
Sun. 2:15, 4:50

Beowulf

Fri. 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
Sat. 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:15

Lions for Lambs

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 8:00

Saw IV

Fri. 4:00, 6:40, 9:15
Sat. 4:00, 6:40, 9:15
Sun. 1:30, 6:40, 9:15

Here, there & everywhere

By Rachel Grinenko and Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

"Backseat, windows up, that's the way we like to."

Sex in a bed can be great. It's very conducive for trying out new positions, being comfortable, falling asleep right afterwards, easy cleanup with a change of the sheets, etc. However, sex outside of the bed can be a step in a new, exciting direction. There's a reason it's mentioned in so many songs and movies...people like to "think" outside the box. The possibilities are endless. Time to take you on a little tour-du-sex.

Let's start with home sweet home. There are the obvious places like the couch and shower, but how about those hard, linoleum surfaces? Next time you and your boyfriend or girlfriend are cooking dinner, why not hop up on the countertop and play a little game of Hide the Sausage?

The combination of the cold counter and your hot skin make for an excellent appetizer...or dessert. Or next time you're on your way to the bedroom, make a pit stop on the stairs. It'll force your body to take on new angles, therefore hitting

spots that may never have been hit before. Just make sure you two are home alone...no one wants to walk in on that on their way to go brush their teeth.

Speaking of brushing your teeth, a bathroom sink is perfectly made to comfortably fit your booty. Disclaimer: There's a slight risk of injury due to the faucets and knobs that will inevitably be lodged in your lower back. So boys, be gentle. No girl wants to be branded with an "H" and "C" above each ass cheek for a week.

So, we've covered the house, but what about that nice 4-door parked in your driveway? Ok, so having sex in your car *may* be illegal, but it can be a damn good time had by all.

First, there's every guy's fantasy: Road head. For those of you who for whatever reason don't know what this is, it's a blow job on the go. While the most inconspicuous time to do this is at night, some of you boys just can't wait.

So this is where back roads and highways during lunch time come in. There are three main things to watch out for when partaking in this particular activity.

First, make sure the

driver/receiver is driving at a steady pace, preferably staying in one lane.

Second, make sure said driver/receiver is keeping the wheel straight. No insurance company is going to pay for a car accident due to orgasm.

Third, whoever is giving needs to keep in mind that there are bumps and potholes on the road. Be cautious without being timid. Moving on from road head, there's back-

seat lovin'. Sex in a car is exciting because you are in a small enclosed space that gives you and your partner no choice but to be literally entangled with each other. Also, windows are

hard. Banging your head against one hurts. So, use those clothes that you ripped off of each other as a makeshift pillow. It will make the whole experience much more enjoyable. Even if you don't want to admit it, we all know how hot that famous *Titanic* car scene is. So go park your car in an empty lot and steam up those windows.

If cars aren't your thing, you can always take your sexual endeavors out in public. Of course the trick to this is not to get caught, but the risk of getting caught is ultimately what makes it so exciting.

If you're creative enough, you

can make any public place an option to get down and dirty, but here are some suggestions: The ever cliché but ever popular public bathroom.

It requires some tricky maneuvering, but use what's around you, i.e. the toilet and stall wall, to brace yourself. An elevator can provide enough space for a good time; just make sure you pull the stop button to avoid any interruptions. Unless that's your thing, and you don't mind an unexpected audience.

Or you could finally do what you always dreamed of doing in high school and take a little trip to under the bleachers. Go on and show your school spirit. An open field, especially in the rain, can be wet and wild, just make sure you're not on anyone's private property. Much like the road head scenario, cops aren't going to be sympathetic to your hormonal needs.

And of course, the classic: The movie theater. Go find a David Spade movie, shell out the ten bucks, and settle into the back row. In the off chance that there is somebody in the theater who actually wanted to see the movie, make sure to silence your cell phones and yourself. So get out of bed and go find a park bench. Life's too short to waste it in between the sheets.

LOVE
&
LIFE

Melt: a top-notch restaurant

By Alexis Resnick
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Although it may not be that obvious, being that many of my reviews have been fairly positive, Melt is one of the first restaurants in the Lehigh Valley that I'm really excited about. It so effortlessly blends classy elegance with contemporary Italian cuisine, delivering a dining experience that is appealing to both the taste buds and the eye.

Melt is located in the Promenade Shops at Saucon Valley which is about 15 minutes from Muhlenberg. For those of you who do not know the Promenade Shops are really beautiful outdoor shops, which serve as the perfect setting for the equally beautiful restaurant.

Upon walking into Melt the eye is immediately drawn upwards to the abstract display of uneven paper lanterns that dangle from the ceiling.

The warm browns and tans of the carpet and walls paired with the deep burgundy booths and sleek cherry wood juxtapose a cool, chic décor and warm, soothing environment. The many different fabrics

and use of geometric shapes throughout give the restaurant its modern edge, while at the same time radiating warmth with the dim lighting.

It is a contemporary yet comfortable ambience. The two levels offer a very spacious layout and the openness of the restaurant allows for fluidity between the levels.

While I could go on and on about the décor at Melt, the cuisine also showcases the restaurant's sophisticated style and ability to spin a twist on some classic Italian flavors.

To start off my table had the grilled shrimp with saffron-olive couscous and the mussels in a white wine sauce, both which were delicious.

The freshness of the ingredients was undeniable and while I was able to taste each individual ingredient, they managed to come together to create one flavor combination.

The white wine sauce on the mussels was one of the best I have ever had. Let me also recommend the salad with roasted beets, watercress, walnuts and gorgonzola. The clean, neat flavors make this a great choice. The beautiful presentations

also added a special touch to the already clever dishes. Other appetizers include the classic prosciutto di parma with fruit or the braised sausage with white beans.

While I was slightly more impressed with the appetizers than the main dishes, the entrees also highlighted the quality of ingredients and complexity of the dishes. The entrees range from an assortment of pastas like rigatoni with sausage, peppers, tomato and cream, to some Italian specialties including veal pizzaioli, osso buco and halibut drizzled with basil oil.

The pasta was cooked al dente, passing the test of a true Italian restaurant. The tuna steak with sweet pepper coulis was also superb, as it was cooked well and seasoned very nicely. Another favorite included the chicken stuffed with fontina cheese, prosciutto and spinach which was then lightly breaded and pan fried.

The chicken was moist and flavorful, and the presentation also highlighted that contemporary flare makes Melt a standout restaurant in the Lehigh Valley area.

The sides were served ala carte

and they have some good choices like polenta with mascarpone and broccoli rabe. The white beans with tomato was tasty, but the portions are quite large so I suggest sharing the side dishes. Melt also offers a very sophisticated and extensive wine and cocktail list where you can find many unique drinks which will pair nicely with any of the dishes.

Also try and leave some room for desert if you can, since they offer some great Italian classics like cannoli, biscotti and gelato. I only tried the chocolate gelato, which was rich and creamy, and based on the rest of the food I am sure the deserts are worth saving some room for.

Melt is definitely a pricey restaurant but the food and ambience are spectacular, making at least one visit to this restaurant a must. Dining at Melt is like dining in a great New York City restaurant where many times great food comes with a higher price, but at the end of the night it is definitely worth the splurge. With a great menu, truly delicious food and a fresh décor, Melt will leave you thoroughly satisfied and wanting to come back for more.

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Elisabeth Hasselbeck gave birth on Friday to a baby boy named Taylor Thomas. *The View* co-host and her husband, Tim Hasselbeck already have a two year old daughter, Grace. Tim released a statement saying, "Elisabeth and I are happy to announce the arrival of our son and we're thrilled he arrived safely. Both mom and son are happy and healthy."

Singer Jennifer Lopez has finally confirmed her much speculated pregnancy. After many associated sources had revealed her pregnancy, the singer herself confirmed it last Wednesday night at a concert. She said, "Marc and I are expecting a baby! 'We didn't want to say anything before because we didn't want to take away from the tour. This is a special time in our lives. And we waited until the last show to tell you. We are happy, too. Now we will go away for awhile.'"

Rumors are circulating in Hollywood that *Desperate Housewives* actress, Nicolette Sheridan, and singer, fiancé Michael Bolton are expecting a child. The 44-year-old actress and her fiancé have neither confirmed, nor denied the reports.

Britney Spears Update:

Britney Spears has once again found herself in hot water after

being seen running through a red light and text messaging with her two sons in the backseat of her car. In addition to this, it has been reported by TMZ.com that Spears has failed one of her drug tests, after only showing up to eight of the thirteen tests that were ordered.

Britney's handlers and friends are claiming that it was a false reading because of her medication to treat narcolepsy, Provigil. Though Spears has been through a lot of problems lately, she does still have loyal supporters. A group of fans, who have labeled themselves, "Team Britney," have lined up on the Hollywood walk of fame to demand that Britney get her children back.

Current Events:

On Saturday, Kanye West's mother, Dr. Donda West, 58, passed away in Los Angeles, Ca. Donda was a former English professor and had recently become the manager of his companies. Kanye's spokesperson released a statement saying, "The family respectfully asks for privacy during this time of grief."

Donda passed away while receiving cosmetic surgery, a tummy tuck and a breast augmentation. West's publicist confirmed this, saying that the death was "the result of complications from a cosmetic surgical procedure." It has been reported that Donda went in for her Friday morning surgery with Dr. Jan

Adams, and was in the operating room until Friday evening. The surgery took twice as long as expected, and she was sent home rather than to a recovery center.

The excessive time in the operating room has people believing that there was either an error during surgery or the surgeon was not experienced enough to be doing the surgery. Donda was found dead the next night in her home from complications. Dr. Adams is not even board certified with the American Board of Plastic Surgery. Last April, the Medical Board of California requested that the surgeon have his board certification suspended or taken away, after multiple DUI's.

The News of the World is reporting that after a three year romance, Prince Harry and Chelsy Davy have ended their relationship. It is believed that Davy ended the relationship after Harry's inability to commit, his constant partying and the fact that he did not attend her birthday last month, but instead attended the Rugby World Finals in Paris, France. Davy was seen for the first time since the breakup story was released on Monday going to class with friends, and sporting very puffy eyes.

Due to the Writers Guild strike that is currently taking place, Ellen Degeneres has been constantly chastised for her decision to stay on the

air and continue her show instead of standing with the picketers like other stars. In addition to this, NBC has fired all of the production staff on the popular show, *The Office*, when they refused to show up for their work in support of the writers.

Zac Efron was seen leaving a meeting with *High School Musical 1 and 2* director. He was carrying a script for *High School Musical 3*, thus solidifying the rumors that there will, in fact, be a third movie and that Efron will, in fact, return for it.

Kate Hudson has been spotted making out with actor Heath Ledger in New York City at the Beatrice Inn last Thursday.

Though *Page Six* released this information from a source who claimed they saw the two actors, Hudson's rep released a statement saying, "This is absolutely untrue. They ran into each other and chatted briefly, but that was the extent of it."

On Monday, actor John Stamos was on a flight from Chicago to Los Angeles when another passenger approached him on the plane. The woman claimed she wanted to talk to him, and when he said he was going to sleep, she became loud and out of control. The flight staff tried to calm her, and eventually stories were taken from both her and Stamos. The FBI are now involved in the matter, following protocol. No charges have been pressed.

Don't miss *Moving Stories*



From Nov. 15-17, The Muhlenberg Dance Association is presenting a student dance concert in the Baker Theatre of the Trexler Pavillion for Theatre and Dance. The original dance works are being presented under the artistic direction of Karen Dearborn, Director of the Dance Program.

The show, which consists of all dance majors is the most formal student choreographed concert of the year. It allows the students to not only display their dance skills, but also choreograph as well.

The performances are almost entirely modern, though there is one ballet piece. Stage manager, Carin Fenstermaker '09 commented that, "It's very exciting. There is always something going on onstage, and everyone can relate to the ideas behind these dances."

The ten people who will be premiering their dances are, Brandon Girouard '08, Will Porter '08, Lindsay Munz '10, Lindsey Howard '08 and Theo Rutherford '08, Janel Sipala '09, Monica Hanofee '08, Lauren Sion '08, and Tori Puff '08, Dany Guy '08, Meagan Bruskewicz '08, and Heather Fox '08.

Photo courtesy of: Heather Fox
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Demetri Martin

Tuesday, Nov. 27

10 p.m. Memorial Hall



This event is sponsored by MAC.

Mules will be challenged for their 5th straight Scotty Wood Title

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

You have seen the signs and the t-shirts. You have heard the raving and you know that Wood is coming. But what exactly is Wood? Wood refers to the Scotty Wood Tournament. The Women's Basketball Team has been participating in the Tournament since 1993. The Women's Team has won the Tournament 7 times in its 14 year existence, including winning the last 4 Tournaments. However, it could be a difficult task for a five-peat as the Mules play three teams with winning records from a year ago. They lead off Friday night at 6:00 p.m. against Villa Julie, who was 19-10 last year. The Mustangs have an interesting mix of age and youth with 8 seniors and juniors and 7 freshmen on this year's squad. Last year's team was a defensive force holding teams to 53.2 points per game on only 36% shooting. If that defensive trend continues it will be a very interesting and tough matchup for the Mules who are looking to go up tempo and keep the scoring high. The Mules will also have to keep an eye out for senior Tanisha Foster, the Mustangs' leading scorer, rebounder, and shot blocker last year. The forward/center averaged 14.3 points per game, 10 rebounds per game and had 67 blocked shots. If the Mules can contain Foster and get the tempo of the game at high speed they should be able to move on to the Championship round.

The other first round match-up starts at 1:00

p.m. on Friday between New Paltz and Scranton. Last year, New Paltz went 17-11, losing in the semifinals of their Conference Tournament and losing in the first round of the ECAC Tournament. Last year's team had a well balanced scoring attack with 6 players averaging over 6 points per game and no one averaging over 10 points per game. This year's team may be looking for a little more offense, but knows that any one of its players can give them offense on any given night. However, they have the daunting task of playing Scranton, who was ranked 25th in the preseason. Last year's team went 27-3, won the MAC, and lost in the third round of the NCAA Tournament. The team did lose its top two scorers from last year. With New Paltz returning more players than Scranton, look for the 1:00 game to be a tight contest. However, Scranton should pull it out and should face the Mules in the Championship game on Saturday night at 6:00 p.m.

The Mules should have a chance to beat Scranton if they can force a good deal of turnovers. The home crowd should help out and make Saturday night's game one for the ages. An early season victory against a ranked opponent could go a long way in building the Mules confidence and help them on their way to another run at the NCAA tournament. Hopefully everyone will come out Friday and Saturday night to watch the Mules tip-off and go for their fifth straight Scotty Wood Tournament title.

This Week's Schedule

Football

NCAA Tournament

Sat., Nov. 17 at 12:00 p.m.

vs. Salisbury

-Scotty Wood Tournament-

Women's Basketball

Fri., Nov. 16 at 6:00 p.m.

vs. Villa Julie

Sat., Nov. 17

consolation or championship

1 or 6

Men's Basketball

Fri., Nov. 16 at 8:00 p.m.

vs. Philadelphia Biblical

Sat., Nov. 17

consolation or championship

3 or 8

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Moyer Hall, Miller Forum

Not your average baller

Mule Profile: Greg Pask

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Last year, the Men's Basketball Team graduated seven seniors who played a huge role in their success. Considering that only five players are on the court at each time, the Mules are beginning this 2007-2008 season missing more than their fair share of experienced hands.

But current senior Greg Pask wants to step up to the plate as the team's sole fourth-year player with the most experience at being a Mule.

The pressure is on, but Pask has a history that confirms he is fully capable of handling the responsibility of being a captain, the demand of being an athlete, and the strain of being a student. Since entering Muhlenberg, he has received recognition on the Centennial Conference Honor Roll for basketball as well as recognition on the Centennial Conference Academic Honor Roll for his outstanding performance in the classroom.

At Wildwood Catholic High School, he earned 2nd Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-County, "Best Rebounder," and "All-Floor Burn Team" awards, which are all dignifying, almost expected milestones for a college-bound athlete, but Pask had no idea that he wanted to play at Muhlenberg.

"I played baseball all 4 years, but it was always second to basketball," he said. "Wherever I decided on attending college, I was going to try and walk-on. A grand total of two teams recruited me, and Muhlenberg was not one of them. However, I liked both visits to Muhlenberg and ended up here, with hopes of making the team."

For Pask, basketball was a tag-along kind of thing. "I started playing when I was 7 years old," he said. "Inspiration to start playing came from my family as a whole. My brother Jim is 20 months older, and he started a year earlier, so of course I wanted to follow his lead and play hoops."

He then went on to reminisce about his family's involvement in the game. "I distinctly remember playing basketball outside with Jim and my father during the first snow of winter in a marquis game called the Snowball Classic," he said. "To include the whole family...I remember when my mother beat her current boss in a foul shot contest during halftime at one of my games."

It was obviously those great memories which told him that deep down, he should never quit. Or, maybe it was the fact that Pask is 6'4" and incredibly athletic, and it would have been a waste to not give it another four years once he reached college.

Here at the 'Berg, Pask plays forward, "But sometimes I have dabbled at the center position," he said. On the court, his job is to be the sneaky, scrappy player who sets up his teammates for a shot at the net while simultaneously cleaning up their mistakes. "My main responsibilities are pretty much doing as much 'dirty work' as I can: rebounding, setting screens, defending taller players. I love the feeling of setting an unexpected screen for a teammate, preferably leveling [the opposing team's player] to the floor...but hopefully not hurting him."

Although Pask is the only senior on the roster this year, he asserts that he's not alone. He insists on paying his respect to people behind the scenes. "We have two senior managers, Josh Goldstein and Sareve Lawson," he said. "I lived across from Josh freshman year, and he has been one of my closest friends at Muhlenberg. I also

think he is a lock as a First Team All-Conference manager and potentially Manager of the Year!"

With a great support system behind the team, Pask has high hopes for the season. "Of all my pre-seasons at Muhlenberg, this year we have had our best [preseason]. We are coming together very quickly, and the chemistry has already developed," he boasted. "Not many teams will expect much from us this year because we lost seven seniors, but I think we could turn some heads."

And what better time is there to turn heads than this weekend at the infamous Scotty Wood tournament?

The Men's Team will kick off their season on Friday at 8 p.m. against Philadelphia Biblical in their debut game of the Tournament, and Pask certainly has reason to be excited. "Scotty Wood gets better and better every year," he said.

"But, I will miss it a lot after this year," he added. "As a freshman, my jitters about playing the game overshadowed the Tournament euphoria, but I learned very quickly how amazing the Tournament truly is." For his last run, Pask hopes to completely absorb the entire experience.

However, unlike the popular publicized slogan 'Wood is Everything,' Wood isn't everything, at least not for Pask and his teammates. It's only the beginning – the beginning of a long winter season of competition and good times amongst friends.

When the rest of Muhlenberg is home for Winter Break, the Basketball team will either be on the court, on the bus, in the weight room, or in a teammate's house – wherever they are and whatever they do, they'll be together. "The bonding time we have during winter break is something that I will truly miss," Pask said. "I love the family feel. Our team is very close, and we really appreciate each other."

Aside from the outward impression that Pask emits as a basketball player, there is a lot about him that isn't seen by the public. He has high expectations for himself and constantly tests his own limits. "I really don't have an idol, but I really like the way Ben McCauley of NC State plays basketball," he said. "An announcer once said that 'he [McCauley] comes to the gym pissed off each day.' I would love for someone to say that about me."

Pask continually shreds the stereotypes about athletes. He is a biochemistry major at a school that is nationally known for its tough pre-med program. "I frequently perform organometallic research with Dr. Russell during the week," he nonchalantly said. "I plan on attending graduate school for biochemistry, organic chemistry, or hopefully something in between."

Unfortunately, there isn't much room for basketball in the life of a biochemist. "But I would love to be the old school pick-up-game-player who shows all the young guns the moves of old," Pask said.

So, when he's an old has-been and still dribbling past people 30 years younger than him, what will his favorite story be?

"My favorite moment was my sophomore year when we had a win-and-in situation against Ursinus. I told our only senior, Jimmy O'Brien, that it would not be his last game. Our team rallied and won, with great fan support. I have never seen a happier Jimmy O'Brien."

With a full season ahead of him, Pask doesn't have to worry about turning into a 'Jimmy O'Brien' anytime soon. But he does intend to see the end on the horizon, but with an optimistic gaze.

"If I leave everything I can on the court from my four years, I will never have to look back in regret," he said.



Greg Pask will be the only senior on the Men's Team this year.

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Wrestlers open season with three champs

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The College proved to be tough competition at King's Monarch Invitational this past weekend. Juniors Billy Hall (141), Rob Kein (149), and Matt Horn (184) all took first in the tournament. Senior Joe Tartar (HWT) took second and junior Justin Fitch took fourth. The tournament went all day, from the morning to after midnight, but the time it took didn't damage the performance.

Hall won all four matches. His final bout was won by a major decision of 11-3 against a wrestler from the College's rival Ursinus. Last season Hall was an NCAA qualifier at 133lbs. Saturday gave him his fifth tournament title and his fiftieth win of his career with the College.

Kein, another former NCAA qualifier, was also competing up at a higher weight class, 149lbs. Five winning matches marked his success. He met tough competition in a large weight class, but had an impressive technical fall of 21-6. His final bout was won by a decision of 6-4. This is his second year in a row taking this tournament's title. He credits the team's effort for the individual victories. Kein commented, "the hard practices we had this pre-season and the work people put in over the summer really showed in how well most of us did this season opener."

Horn took on the 184 lbs. weight class to end victoriously 5-0 on the day

with three pins, including one in the final. He dominated the weight class to take the first title of his career. Horn noted that "the good competition in the practice room helped me mentally and physically."

Tartar is ranked 10th in Division III. He competed very well, pinning his first two opponents. But his streak came to a halt in the finals with a 14-8 decision to the 2nd ranked heavyweight.

Fitch had a repeat of last year with his fourth-place finish. Sophomore Tucker Grass had a performance worth noticing. He competed for a 4-1 finish before forfeiting out. His only loss came in a match against a ranked D III wrestler.

The college frequents the Monarch Invitational each year. "There is always good competition. It's a good way to start the year, there are some ranked teams there," commented senior co-captain, David Lavin. But this tournament was extremely long in comparison to the usual, already long and competition day. When asked about the effects of this lengthy tournament, Horn replied, "I was just so anxious to wrestle all day." Lavin was concerned about the longevity of the competition. "I think it took a toll on some guys mentally and physically because the tournament spanned about 15 hours, but our guys handled it well and still wrestled to their greatest potential"

Next Sunday Muhlenberg will be wrestling at Ursinus's Fall Brawl.



Junior Matt Horn went 5-0 on the day at King's Monarch Invitational last weekend, taking first in the 184 lb. weight class.

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Men's Soccer competes in NCAA Tournament

By Victoria Davis
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Men's Soccer Team made their 13th NCAA Tournament appearance on Sat., Nov. 10, traveling to Salisbury to take on Virginia Wesleyan. Coming in with a record of 12-4, the Mules faced a tough opponent in the 16-3 Marlins, a team they haven't faced since 1996.

Getting to the Tournament was not easy for the Mules. A big component of their success has been their defensive play this season. The Mules were ranked 14th in Division III in shutout percentage (0.63) as well as save percentage (.868). They also ranked 20th in goals-against average with 0.56.

Going into the first round, the

Mules found themselves quickly in a 2-0 hole at the end of the first half. They were able to come out strong in the second, though, and sophomore Samuel Hayden scored just 2:19 into the half. Unfortunately, the Marlins answered. Regaining their two-goal lead, the Marlins scored just 23 seconds later. Sophomore Eric Miller scored his team-leading 7th goal of the season in hopes of coming back, but it was not enough for the Mules.

The Marlins outshot them 18-14, and they just couldn't find the back of the net again in time. Losing by a score of 3-2, Muhlenberg was out. Virginia Wesleyan will go on to play Salisbury.

Overall, congratulations to the Men's Soccer Team for an outstanding season.

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Perfection!!!

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Quarterback Eric Santagato had a career day against arch-rival Moravian, which propelled the Muhlenberg Mules to new heights as they reached their first ever undefeated season in their 100 plus year history, with a 35-7 victory over the Greyhounds. The junior quarterback threw for two touchdown passes, ran for another, and threw for a career-high 297 yards on 15 of 19 passing. Apparently, no one told him that the best quarterback in the Conference was the "other" quarterback.

Moravian quarterback Marc Braxmeier was named as a 1st Team All-Centennial Conference performer, but hardly looked the part against the ferocious Muhlenberg defense. He managed only 95 yards on 7 of 24 passing. He also threw two interceptions, one of which was an amazing play by Centennial Conference player of the week Brandon Doyle '09. He also was plagued by the numerous drops by his wide receivers, specifically Tyler Hirsch, who had three of them. Muhlenberg's receivers had a much different story.

Wide receiver Phil Cresta '10 and tight end Matt Johnson '08 both had huge games, both collecting touchdown passes in the contest. Johnson, who had 5 catches for 83 yards, was named as a 1st Team All-Conference performer, along with center Mike Nolan '09 and running back John DeLuca '09 on the offense. DeLuca also had a fine day, as he had 28 carries for 133 yards and two touchdowns. DeLuca was held in check the entire first half, but finished

ished the second stanza with 18 carries for 113 yards and two scores, propelling his total to 1,267 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns.

Defensively, the Mules had another impressive performance, including two goal-line stands, forcing the Greyhounds to turn the ball over on downs twice, along with their two interceptions. They allowed only 193 yards and one touchdown, which was the result of a short field created by senior wide receiver Mickey Norton's fumble. Other than that, it was a near perfect day for the Mule defense, which should be no surprise, considering that 6 of the 11 starters were placed on the All-Conference 1st Team. The members, defensive linemen Chris Musselman '08 and Chris Swensen '08, linebackers Dustin Good '08 and Tom Tarsitano '08, and defensive backs Doyle and Dan Aitkens '10, all played a huge part in containing Braxmeier as well as running back Tyler McCambridge. All in all, the defense played another outstanding game, which we've all come to expect.

Because of their regular season record, Muhlenberg will host its first round playoff game as a 3-seed, facing off against 5th seed Salisbury. Salisbury (9-1) is from the Atlantic Central Football Conference, and has one of the most potent running attacks in the country, averaging nearly 350 yards rushing per contest. As of last week, they were ranked #13, and their only loss of the season was to #8 Wesley College. The game will be at noon this Saturday, at Scotty Wood Stadium. Tickets can be purchased at the Athletics Office starting Thursday.



The Muhlenberg Football Team has something to celebrate: a perfect season.

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Cross Country sends 3

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

Juniors David Chorney and Timothy Van Syckle of the Men's Team and senior Sara Gearin of the Women's Team have qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships, which will be located in Northfield, Minnesota at St. Olaf College.

In order to be eligible to compete in the tournament, each runner had to qualify in their respective NCAA regions as an individual. In total, 56 individuals were chosen, composing of the top seven athletes in each region who are not part of a qualifying team.

Chorney knew that he had qualified after his performance

in the NCAA Midwest Regional last week, which was hosted by Muhlenberg at Lehigh University, where he placed 14th overall. His teammates Van Syckle and Gearin found out about their bids when NCAA announced their at-large selections.

Van Syckle and Chorney are the first cross country runners in school history to make it to the NCAA Tournament twice, as they competed last season. This is the first time that Muhlenberg has had both genders represent the school in the same year.

The Men's race will begin on Saturday, Nov. 17 in Minnesota at 11 a.m. central time, and the Women's race will begin at 12 p.m. central time.



Juniors David Chorney and Timothy Van Syckle will make their second appearances at the NCAA Tournament.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007

Final Student Body meeting of the semester

By Sara Horowitz
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The second, and last Student Body meeting of the semester was held on Tues., Nov. 27 in the Great Hall in Seegers Union. This second meeting garnered a somewhat better attendance, with two faculty members showing their support.

Scott Gordon '08, Student Body President, started the meeting by welcoming everyone. He thanked people for being present despite the high demand of homework most students experience during this period between Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Then, Gordon introduced the committee heads and had each one give

an update.

Michelle Yost '08, Communication Committee Head, spoke about the student leader chat she had this past week with those who were interested in starting up new clubs on campus. She also discussed revamping the Student Body meetings, hoping to include "more specific topics and interesting speakers."

Barrie Schessler '09, in charge of Finances,

discussed the completion of the finance manual and the revisions put into place in order to make it easier for organizations to get appropriate funding. On a different

An update on wireless connections around campus was given by Jordon Sones '09. He explained that wireless is growing every week.

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The Executive Board of Student Council held their last Student Body meeting of the semester on Tues., Nov. 27.

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Ambrose and Eichenwald win in Allentown elections

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

This year's Election Day proved to be a success for both the city of Allentown and the College. Two of the College's staff members, Jeanette Eichenwald, Schools Program Coordinator for the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, and Julie Ambrose, Director of the Senior Year Experience, were elected to join City Council and the Allentown School Board.

Eichenwald, a former teacher, city school board member, and College alum, was registered with the Democratic Party for the City Council election. The other two City Council seats were filled by fellow Democratic runners Peter Schwyer and William Michael Donovan, an Associate Professor of Business, Management and Economics at Cedar Crest College, meaning that the entire seven-member council will be made up of Democrats next year.

Prior to the elections on Nov. 6, the three nominees attended the College Democrats Young Voter's Forum. They, and the other Democratic nominees for Allentown elections, spoke about their campaigns and intentions for the city. The forum was an attempt to actively involve students on campus with the town and city in which they attend school.

Eichenwald ran a non-traditional campaign for this election, which included complete self-finance and the absence of mass mailings and lawn signs. She was so successful in her win due in large part to recognition of her name within the community and past work that she has done for the community as well. In regards to her campaign

Eichenwald said, "I decided not to accept any contributions from anyone so that I could remain totally true to what I believe is in the best interests of the citizens of Allentown rather than find myself beholden to anyone or any special interest. I used no political signs, no mailings, and no ads on TV or radio. I felt that years of public service to my community, my resume, would need to be sufficient." This approach proved to be very rewarding when Eichenwald was not only elected to City Council, but turned out to be the top vote-getter as well.

Upon hearing that she had won the election Eichenwald said, "I felt humbled that the citizens of Allentown had put their trust and faith in me. I also vowed to do the best for all of the citizens of this wonderful city."

"A community thrives only when its citizens invest their time and talents in its success."

President Randy Helm

Ambrose's process of election was much different from Eichenwald's. After the petitions

were submitted to see who would be running for office, Ambrose was informed that she would be running in a non-contested race for the School Board because only five people were running for the five open positions. Ambrose said, "Given that I wasn't at risk of losing after the primary, I didn't have to campaign. Even if I had wanted to, I opted not to do fundraisers as there are additional requirements and forms for candidates planning to spend more than \$250 on their election campaign."

Ambrose also commented on some of the more personal aspects of her running for office. "There were numerous ups and downs as

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Jamie Schneider
Editor-in-Chief

55 issues later...

Two years ago, Chris Jachimowicz advocated a mid-year turn around for campus organizations. The Executive Board of *The Weekly* at the time thought this would be a bad idea for the organization because the administrators, staff and faculty with whom we work on a daily basis generally change over at the end of the academic year.

While I respect the decision of my predecessor, after working under her during her second semester senior year, I do not feel that any second semester senior should hold the time consuming, stressful and demanding yet rewarding and commendable position of Editor-in-Chief. I watched my predecessor make decisions that I do not feel that anyone should have to make during their final semester as a college student. Go to 50 days or put out this week's edition of *The Weekly*? Spend the weekend in Atlantic City with friends or stay behind to prepare for the upcoming week? At this point in my college career, I don't want to be forced to make decisions such as these. I've sacrificed countless hours of sleep, grades and at times a social life to make this newspaper happen and I think that I need some time to relax and unwind before entering the real world.

A mid-year turn around will allow the new staff to have the opportunity to ask questions and use this past staff to help guide them along the way. Running a weekly newspaper isn't easy. It's essentially a full time job, on top of being a student, and I'm ready to step back. I think that my continued presence in *The Weekly* office next semester, after my time as Editor-in-Chief, will be a huge advantage for whoever takes over after me.

Two and a half years ago, I fell down the stairs and broke my leg. The next thing I knew, I was the News Editor for *The Weekly*. 55 issues later I've met some amazing people, endured some intolerable migraines, and learned a whole lot.

I'm not yet sure of what I will do with myself next semester when my planner is no longer filled with meetings that require me running up to the third floor of Haas and my Tuesday nights are no longer spent in the ML Underground reading and re-reading articles for hours on end, but I do know that my Muhlenberg experience would not have been the same if it wasn't for my time with *The Weekly*.

It still hasn't hit me that it's over, but maybe people will finally start to know me as Jamie, and not "The Weekly."

Religious expression

By Joe Beninati
WEEKLY COLUMNISTS

As the holiday season draws near, towns and houses undergo the biggest transformation of the year.

Bright lights, menorahs and Christmas trees adorn most windows throughout any town. The freedom of religion and expression shows itself like no other during the holiday season. Recently though, this concept has been challenged. People have been claiming that displaying a Christmas tree or menorah in the center of a town is hurtful and an attack on a person's faith.

Because of this, Christmas trees cannot be called Christmas trees, menorahs cannot be displayed in windows and no town can display any religious item in the center. The result: the cheer and excitement of such a great time of the year becomes disappearing. People have lost sight of what the holidays stand for. Holidays are not about competing with other religious beliefs and it is not right to take away all religious expression from the holiday season. Holidays are about spreading tolerance and joy.

Recently, in towns across New Jersey, the religious expression of the holiday season has been stripped away. Catholics accuse Jewish families of attacking their beliefs by displaying menorahs and Jewish families accuse Catholics of attacking their faith by displaying Christmas decorations.

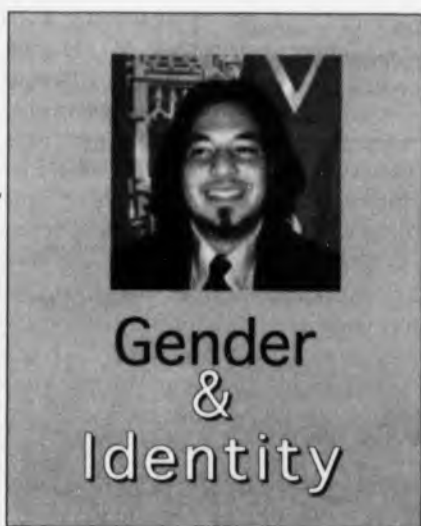
The result is a list of rules and laws that require families not to display religious items in their windows, and the center of town cannot have any religious items displayed. This is simply ridiculous.

This is going against not only constitutional rights, but logic. The holiday season is all about sharing cultural experiences, and now that is gone. We need not lose sight of our own individual cultures and religions, rather than feeling threatened by others different beliefs and displays, we should embrace these differences as they only add to the joy and color of the holiday season.

These ignorant ideas and rules only add to the problem rather than help it. As Ben Stein said: "It doesn't bother me but when people say, 'Merry Christmas' to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this time of year." This is the attitude we need to push past ignorance and make the world a much more tolerant place.

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The gender discussion is now



Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

There has been much talk throughout the past semester on the 50th anniversary of coeducation at Muhlenberg. The homecoming football game featured past homecoming queens, there is a meticulously well done "Muhlenberg Women's

History" display in Trexler Library, there have been articles about it in past editions of *The Weekly* and this is certainly an important anniversary of a major breakthrough in the College's history. But co-education was the mere beginning and far from the end of breaking through the gender line at Muhlenberg.

Our obsession with the 50th anniversary of coeducation is, I believe, misguided. It would be productive to see the administration channeling its anniversary celebration into breaking through our current gender line at Muhlenberg. We are so stuck in the false mindset that gender is a binary, and that heterosexuality is normative that we are celebrating 50 years of admitting women into college. Before you skip the rest of this article and write me off as a complete radical, take this into consideration: we are celebrating the basic right to nondiscrimination based on gender - I believe we can do even better.

Instead of reminiscing about 50 years ago, we should be moving forward into lively discussion surrounding new initiatives to break the gender binary on campus. Whether you are Male, Female, or none of the above (or any combination) - gender effects and oppresses us all. Men are confined to hegemonic masculinity,

where men are told to be aggressive, athletic, strong and masculine. Women are confined to a patriarchal vision of femininity where they are told to be wear makeup, be pretty, slim, well dressed and to conform to societal standards of femininity. Those who are neither male nor female aren't even considered and are seen by many as non-existent. Muhlenberg can do better.

We already have a gender-identity inclusive non-discrimination statement - but that too was a beginning

not an end. The President should move forward with the Gay Straight Alliance sponsored (Student Council endorsed) proposal for Gender Neutral Housing on campus; single-person lockable all-gender bathrooms should be added to the new Seegers Union renovations; Muhlenberg should publicly strive to be a gender-safe campus where students who are different can want to be here.

While we are busy celebrating a 50 year old anniversary of women coming to the College, we are falling behind over 30 Gender-safe campus institutions nationwide that have endorsed gender neutral housing and bathroom options. Let's have something to celebrate for the next 50 years. Let's wake up and smell the gender oppression at home.

But co-education was the mere beginning and far from the end of breaking through the gender line at Muhlenberg.

A year in review



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I have enjoyed writing for *The Weekly* another semester and I want to close off 2007 with a few comments on various issues.

I think the renewed interest of the Bush administration in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict is a positive thing.

However, I believe they will run into the same difficulties the Clinton administration did about 10 years ago. Neither side has a dynamic enough leader to rally support for a compromise. Beyond that, the fact that Hamas controls a portion of the Palestinian territories will make any negotiated plan very difficult to carry out.

As the war in Iraq drags further and further along, expect to see more support for a partition plan dividing Iraq into three loosely affiliated nation-states. It is a practical way to limit sectarian fighting, although re-locating many citizens would be a long and arduous process.

The writers strike in Hollywood is a very bad thing. There is nothing worse than the prospect of having nothing else on T.V. but reality television. People don't want to sit down in their living rooms at night and watch the everyday people they see in the street make fools

of themselves. The writers are the people who make television worth watching.

When it is all said and done, Rudy Guiliani will be running for President against Hillary Clinton. It should be a closely contested race, although winning for Clinton will be a very difficult task due to the national popularity of Guiliani. He will run his campaign based on his reaction after September 11th, which will be tough to counter from the Clinton campaign.

The situation in Pakistan is crucial to the future of America's ability to limit the influence of Al-Queda, in and around Afghanistan. It is essential that whoever ends up in control of the nation actively uses America's money and support to hunt down members of terrorist organization along the border.

Don't expect to see Iran's nuclear program shut down anytime soon.

The relations between our current administration and their administration are too hostile to accomplish anything. Also, more influence is needed from the different nations of the European Union. Russia and China are never going to push hard for sanctions due to their business relations with Iran.

Finally, I can't finish this article without mentioning our football team whose season just ended with a 38-21 loss to Wesley College in the second round of the NCAA playoffs.

Regardless of last Saturday's outcome, the 2007 Mules were the first outright Conference champion team in our school's history; the first team to have an undefeated regular season and the first team to win 11 games.

We appreciate the support we received all season and hope to see even more people come out next year to games, both home and away.

*When it is all said
and done, Rudy
Guiliani will be
running for
President against
Hillary Clinton.*

*I want to close off
2007 with a few
comments on vari-
ous issues.*

There can be too much of a good thing

By Amy Cohen & Stephen Holden
WEEKLY & GUEST COLUMNISTS

With Winter Break fast approaching, many of us are making plans with our families and friends to travel. For those of you that will be flying, I urge you to consider the following while standing in endless security lines, shoeless, and praying that you haven't forgotten to take out every liquid item from your carry-on that might be larger than 3.5 ounces: how much of this is necessary?

I recently read in an editorial article from the *New York Times* that airports will soon be asking its passengers to pack their luggage neatly to make it easier for security to see what is in the bags by x-ray. This includes clothing items folded and stacked, electronics stored in a separate compartment and toiletries separated and contained in clear plastic bags.

I am in full support of whatever security measures our government deems necessary in order to keep myself safe while traveling by air. I

will arrive three hours early to Newark International in order to present the same ID six times, go through 19 security checkpoints and listen to directions in four languages, and I will do it happily and dehydrated due to the lack of bottled water that is no longer allowed in my backpack. However, I draw the line when my government tells me the appropriate way to pack my bags. It's a little too Big Brother-esque for my piece of mind.

Effective packing, in my experience, is making sure everything I need gets in my bag and to my destination safely. Rarely are my bags packed neatly, and that is mostly due to the fact that I happen to be exceptionally talented at packing last minute. I'm sure many of you are the same way, and would probably not appreciate having to take the extra time to lay your socks out flat in order to give some x-ray technician at the airport a clean sight line through your underwear. Consequently, I think this is one security measure that borders on the ridiculous.

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Smoke free is the way to be

By Kim Seedor
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

The majority of my so-called social life had always taken place in New York state. In 5th grade, 'going into town' was the rave on Fridays after school; my friends and I would sit at the window bar in the local pizza shop and giggle about crushes and inside jokes. When I was 14, my mom would drop me off at the cheap Chinese restaurant, where my friends and I would secretly meet boys. Senior year of high school, I used to linger outside of the local bars hoping to get past the bouncer.

Absolutely none of this

entailed suffocating in cigarette smoke.

As far back as I can remember, there was always an option: choosing the non-smoking section over the smoking. Moving far enough away from a smoker out-of-doors to get some fresh air. Walking into the bar to escape the crowd of drinkers on their smoking breaks.

Yes - it's true - back home, I can walk indoors to find fresher, cleaner air. Here in Allentown, it's a completely different story; it's a story of smelling my jacket the morning after a bar night and needing to hang it out of the window for two days. It's a story of developing a severe irritat-

ing headache from cigarette smoke when I should be developing an alcohol buzz. But mostly, it's about a pathologist examining my lungs after my death and concluding that I was a smoker, even though I wasn't.

At least some states, California, Delaware, New York, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, have banned smoking in bars. I think it's time for Pennsylvania to jump on the bandwagon and put an end to the nights of palpable air due to thick smoke.

When the idea was first publicized, the notion of a smoke-free atmosphere

caused a lot of controversy. There was concern amongst business owners that revenue would be reduced. People were worried that the smoking problem would move elsewhere, invading other public areas or becoming increasingly common at home.

But in reality, quite the opposite has occurred. In years since New York City adapted the smoking ban, the number of employees in bars and restaurants have increased, which has turned greater profits for these establishments. Moreover, research has shown that res-

idents have not begun to congregate at other places to smoke, and the incidents of smoking at home have remained constant.

Absolutely none of this entailed suffocating in cigarette smoke.

With everything we now know about the dangers of

smoking, along with research that shows no financial loss to businesses, it would be impossible for the state government to turn down a bill that will ban smoking in public places. Maybe and hopefully for the first time, I won't have to immediately shower after coming home from Pennsylvania bars.

"Red, yellow, green, blue... How many positions can you do?"

Phi Sigma Sigma and Phi Kappa Tau are teaming up again to host this year's Twister tournament.

All proceeds will go to Community BikeWorks.

Music, food, prizes, fun and flexibility!

November 30, 2007

8-11 p.m.

Seegers Union Great Room

\$5 per person (\$10 with a t-shirt)

Register in teams of 4

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Dining services continues to support sustainability

By Eirinn Disbrow
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

The College's efforts to encourage sustainability have been greatly supported by Dining Services. Dining Services works alongside of Sodexho to purchase products from local vendors, recycle, and reduce and reuse wherever possible. Dining Services has been supporting sustainability for the past few years, however, in the past year or so, they have made more of an active effort to provide the College with definite plans to promote sustainability.

Ron Beigel, Director of Dining Services says, "I am not sure about the sustainability efforts of the College or of Dining Services in the past, but since I have joined the College, I have noticed a tremendous push to raise awareness."

Recently, Dining Services has been purchasing produce that is locally grown whenever possible. The purveyor for the tofu, tempeh, seitan, and many of the soy

and rice drinks comes from Lehigh Valley and the purveyor for our fresh fish and meat comes from a company that is less than a mile from the College. They have also been increasing their efforts by using compostable containers, providing cups that are made from corn oil, and distributing over 400 nalgene bottles to students.

Dining Services offers discounts for refilling these nalgene bottles. In addition, fair trade coffee is now offered at all campus locations where coffee is served, new environmentally friendly soaps and chemicals are now being used, and Beigel and Glenn Gerchman, Director of the Student Union and Campus Events, are now in the process of using a company to convert the cooking oil into bio fuel.

Sodexho has been extremely helpful in providing the College with opportunities to continue sustainability. Rhonda Henry, Director of Marketing for Sodexho, explains,

"Sodexho has partnerships with the Food Alliance, The Sustainable Food Laboratory, and United Natural Foods. Sodexho has been an active member of industry coalitions which encourage legislators, manufacturers, and consumers to jointly develop rational, not reactionary, strategies to today's environmental needs."

Colleges in the Lehigh Valley area also use these purveyors to support sustainability, however, Sue Flederbach, Director of Retail Options and Henry both agree that the College is definitely one of the most progressive schools in the area. "It is evident as you walk through campus that the entire Muhlenberg community has embraced sustainability. This is not true in other institutions," Flederbach explains. Henry agrees, "The students from other local colleges and universities within my district are not as involved as the Muhlenberg students. The support and interest from the Muhlenberg students has

far exceeded other local colleges and universities' student involvement."

Beigel, along with the rest of Dining Services, want to continue to help the College's progress with sustainability. Beigel explains that "for the foreseeable future, we all only have one planet to sustain us. We need to take care of it for ourselves and for our future generations. I have three children and I want them to enjoy their life without having to worry about clean air and water."

For this reason, Dining Services is continuing to develop its plans for sustainability. They are looking into the possibility of composting and they are also planning a coffee mug promotion with a discount on refills. Beigel and Gerchman, along with the rest of Dining Services, have been working with EnAct to look for alternative ways to conserve and to raise awareness on campus. This Thurs., Nov. 29, members of EnAct will be collecting the leftover food in the Garden

Room to demonstrate how much food is wasted each night.

Beigel hopes that this will encourage more students to be more aware of the food that they are wasting and to recycle and conserve whenever they can. "If you begin now by conserving, reusing or recycling a little each day, over the course of a lifetime it will add up to a great deal," explains Beigel. He asserts that if each student at the College conserves one plastic water bottle each day for the rest of their life, than the College, as a whole, would save over 36,000,000 bottles.

He encourages everyone to do what they can to conserve because the College as a whole can have the potential to make even more progress with sustainability.

The combined efforts of Dining Services, the Student Body, and student run organizations on campus could make a big difference not only in our college community but on a larger scale as well.

Keeping emergency contraceptives on hand

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

More than one year ago, the FDA approved over-the-counter status of emergency contraception (EC), but there are a number of women still unaware of the importance of having a dose of EC in their medicine cabinet.

The Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania (PPNEP) would like to express its concern for how important it is for women to take advantage of this opportunity.

EC reduces the risk of pregnancy if it is started within 72 hours of having unprotected sex, but has also been shown to be effective up to 120 hours (5 days). Of course, the sooner EC is taken after unprotected sex, the more effective its results will be.

"Because timely use of this form of contraception is important, women should have a dose on hand in case

it is needed," said Kim Custer, President and CEO of PPNEP. "If a woman misses a birth control pill, takes it at a different time of day, or is on a course of antibiotics, she is at risk of pregnancy."

EC is 95 percent effective if taken within 24 hours of unprotected intercourse. It's effectiveness drops to 89 percent if taken 24 to 72 hours afterwards. The shelf life of EC is typically two years, which is why PPNEP is encouraging women to keep a dose of EC on hand, especially with the holiday season coming into effect.

With schedules becoming erratic and the possibility of pharmacies or doctors' offices not being open, and as flu season hits, it is especially important to have a dose of EC on hand.

In addition to EC having a potential two year shelf life, a recent study has shown that women are much more likely to use EC if they

had it prior to needing it. The study, reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found that women who were educated about EC and given the contraceptive to keep on hand until needed, were more likely to use EC in the long-term and more likely to use condoms.

"We encourage sexually-active women who are not intending to become pregnant to use a standard form of birth control like the pill, the patch, Depo, or condoms. But accidents happen," explains Custer. "Sometimes couples experience contraceptive failure or have unprotected sex. They need to have EC on hand."

When asked, a student here at the College had a differing opinion. Avivah Furman '10 said, "I don't think that's 100% necessary. I mean I'm all for emergency contraception, I used to do some volunteer work for Planned Parenthood.

However, to me, that sounds like a way for them to make extra money by saying that everyone should buy it just in case. I think that this might promote unsafe sex. If people think that because they have emergency contraception they will not get pregnant, then they might not be as safe as they normally would during sex. It provides people with a false sense of security. If the condom breaks during sex, then you can easily visit the clinic the next day. I don't think it is necessary to have emergency contraception with you all the time."

While EC (sometimes called the Morning After pill) is often mistaken for medication abortion (sometimes called the abortion pill or RU-486), it is important to know that these two drugs are not the same. EC prevents pregnancy while medication abortion terminates a pregnancy.

Some other distinguishing facts between EC and med-

ication abortion are that the primary type of EC on the market is made of progesterin, a hormone in regular birth control pills, and progesterin-only EC works by inhibiting ovulation and slowing the movement of the sperm and the egg in order to PREVENT fertilization.

Medication abortion is a medication called mifepristone, and it is used in combination with misoprostol to induce abortion without surgery. Medication abortion works by blocking the hormones necessary to maintain an established pregnancy.

Through the end of December, at the Allentown Medical Center only, if you mention this article, students of Muhlenberg College buying EC over the counter will get \$20 off of the retail price of \$42. Please remember to bring your student ID. The center is located at 29 N. 9th Street.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Snow Shower
High: 41 Low: 29	High: 40 Low: 25	High: 36 Low: 30

Council Corner

Get weekly news about what your Student Council is doing for you!

This Week's News:

Student Council
Wishes the Student
Body
Good Luck on
Finals and
Happy Holidays!

See you next
Semester!

Thank you to all
who attended the
Student Body
Meeting this week!

Have any ideas for Student
Council?
Contact your class representative or email
my231921@muhlenberg.edu
with thoughts or concerns for
next semester!

Albert's ORGANICS

NEW ORGANIC, VEGGIE, and VEGAN
offerings from Albert's Organics!
Food Tasting Friday, November 30th

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ELECTIONS

FROM PAGE 1

part of the process, perhaps the most moving of which was actually voting for myself. Sometimes I would think, "Who do I think I am running for an elected office in a city this size?" But then I would remind myself that I'm as qualified as anyone, my heart is in the right place, and my goal is to make sure that my kids and all the other kids in this city have a fair shot in life by getting the best education possible in our community," said Ambrose.

The success of both Eichenwald and Ambrose helps

to send out a positive message to the community from the College, and it is being regarded across the campus as an integral success to assist in furthering that relationship.

President Helm said, "A community thrives only when its citizens invest their time and talents in its success. Eichenwald and Ambrose have set a great example for the rest of us by demonstrating their willingness to serve the greater public good. I admire their commitment and am especially pleased that the Muhlenberg family can extend and strengthen its ties with the greater Allentown community in this important way."

"I felt humbled that the citizens of Allentown had put their trust and faith in me."

Jeanette Eichenwald

STUDENT BODY

FROM PAGE 1

note, Matt Pierson '09, Head of the Seegers Planning Committee, has been working to keep General Quarters open on Thursday nights so students can have the opportunity to eat later without leaving campus.

An update on wireless connections around campus was given by Jordon Sones '09. He explained that wireless is expanding every week and stickers have been posted so students know if they can get wireless depending on their location. In its very early stages, there are talks about getting a DVD vending machine on campus. More immediate, students will be able to use email alias' (first name. last name@muhlenberg.edu) to send and receive emails.

The athletics committee spoke about their successful Athlete Auction and

their plan to make some small changes in the Life Sports Center. The committee is attempting to make it easier for students to listen to the televisions at the cardio center by looking into different plug in systems. In addition, they hope to make renting out certain equipment a possibility in the near future.

This second meeting garnered a somewhat better attendance, with two faculty members showing their support.

Since there was no old or new business brought forth to Council, the rest of the time was set aside for an open forum discussion. This gave students in attendance the chance to plug upcoming events for their specific organizations. After 8-10 announcements, Gordon closed the meeting. He said, "Student Council has made great strides this semester, reaching many students and organizations. We look forward to an even better spring."

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 13 - Hit and Run - The bumper of a student's car was dented in the N. 23rd Street parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 13 - Hit and Run - Scratches were found on the bumper of a student's car in the Martin Luther parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 14 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 2251 Turner Street.

Nov. 14 - Theft - A sony XPLD was taken from a student's car at the 23rd and Gordon Street parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 14 - Theft - A radio and CD player were found missing from a student's vehicle parked in the 23rd and Gordon Street parking lot. There was no sign of entry.

Nov. 15 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a power outage in Ettinger Hall.

Nov. 15 - Animal Complaint - Two ferrets were found on the third floor of A hall of East Hall. These ferrets were removed from the building.

Nov. 15 - Injured Student -

A student injured his ankle while playing basketball in the Life Sports Center. He was transported the hospital.

Nov. 15 - Noise Complaint - There was a noise complaint at 433 N. 22nd Street. They will be receiving a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police.

Nov. 16 - Liquor Law - Two students were arrested for underage consumption of alcohol at 2127 Gordon Street.

Nov. 16 - Institutional Vandalism - Four soap dispensers were vandalized in the men's bathroom on the third floor of Prosser Hall.

Nov. 16 - Injured Visitor - A visitor tripped in the East Hall fire lane and chipped his tooth. He was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 17 - Liquor Law - A student from the third floor of Prosser Hall was transported to the hospital for alcohol poisoning. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 17 - Dispatch Code - A student from the first floor of Martin Luther Hall called in to report that they had not seen their roommate for a while and were starting to worry. Campus Safety

was able to locate the roommate.

Nov. 17 - Theft - A student was found walking into Martin Luther Hall with a stolen stop sign. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 17 - Electrical Problem - A landscape company struck one of the underground wires that powered a blue light in the emergency call box in the lower Village parking lot. This light has now been repaired.

Nov. 17 - Liquor Law - Campus Safety received a noise complaint for an apartment at 2216 Liberty Street. When they arrived, they discovered underage consumption of alcohol and possession of stolen property. The three residents of this apartment will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 18 - Noise Complaint - The residents of 2201 Liberty Street received a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police.

Nov. 18 - Liquor Law - A student was arrested for public intoxication and underage consumption of alcohol at 2102 Allen Street.

Nov. 18 - Liquor Law - A student was discovered walking down N. 23rd Street

drinking a bottle of alcohol. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 18 - Liquor Law - Two students were cited for underage consumption of alcohol on the third floor of Walz Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 18 - Noise Complaint - The residents of 324 Leh Street received a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police.

Nov. 18 - Liquor Law - Campus Safety received a noise complaint for the house on 4709 N. 23rd Street. When they arrived, they discovered an unregistered keg. The three residents will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 18 - Noise Complaint - Three students from 2201 Chew Street were cited for a noise violation and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off at 2147 Chew Street due to a faulty alarm.

Nov. 19 - Injured Student - A student got hot pepper in his eyes at 2252 Chew Street. He refused medical treatment but it was suggested that he stop by the Health Center the next day.

Nov. 19 - Injured Student - A student had blood coming from her ear on the first floor of Brown Hall. It was suggested that she go to the Health Center.

Nov. 20 - Institutional Vandalism - Two students from the first floor of Taylor Hall were referred to the Judicial Process for damaging the door to their room.

Nov. 21 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - Five vehicles were broken into in the 23rd & Gordon Street parking lot. Their windows were smashed and a variety of items were taken from some of the vehicles. There are no suspects at this time.

Nov. 21 - Liquor Law - Two underage students were found in possession of alcohol from the fourth floor of Taylor Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Nov. 22 - Dispatch Code - The rear basement door was found unlocked and ajar at 2245 Liberty Street. Campus Safety checked the building and found that there were no intruders.

Nov. 26 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food on the stove in the kitchen on the first floor of Brown Hall.

WEEKLY

Life!

"To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else."

-Emily Dickinson

Moving Stories brings passion to the stage

By Luanne Linares
MANAGING EDITOR

The weekend of Nov 15-17, the dance department gave emerging choreographers the chance to showcase their original choreographed works and demonstrate to the audience, the dance faculty and themselves, just how far they have come in dance and how innovative they can be.

The show, *Moving Stories*, was a ten act montage of pieces not held together by any specific theme except the power and grace of movement. Each choreographer utilized the space in their own way, highlighting their own movements, or those of the other dancers they selected for their pieces.

In addition to the different styles of movement the choreographers chose to demonstrate, their emotions also took on a wide range. In the hour and half show the audience experienced sadness, anger, fear, surprise and love - all brought out through the imaginations and talents of the students. No matter their choice of expression, all the choreographers made sure their unique messages were conveyed. All of the pieces had an energy and life to them, whether it was through the movement, the emotion or even the

costumes and lighting.

Brandon Girouard '08 chose to work the emotional route with his piece and, acting as the soloist, he danced alone from his ensemble. His movements were very strong and defined in anger while his core moved gracefully behind him in complete unison. It seemed that he was trying to distance himself from them literally, and figuratively he was trying to break the addiction to conformity. The audience was mesmerized by his determination and passion for the message he was sending.

Will Porter '08 had a message for the audience too, but unlike Girouard's, it was more humorous. A ballet inspired by the life and death of Mozart, played by Lindsay Munz '10, the movement was staggered and random, and illustrated the isolation of Mozart against the fluidity and life of the ensemble behind her. The audience laughed at the exaggeration of Mozart, but saw that behind the humor was the idea that in death, art is forgotten, an idea that Mozart seemed to understand all too well.

Although this piece was captivating in its message, the most visually stunning piece was the one premiered by Lindsey Howard '08 and Theo Rutherford '08, in a collabora-

tive effort. Unlike the other pieces that dealt with themes clearly outside of the dance world, this one demonstrated the power and strength of dancers through their art. Their work was primarily made up of different partnering movements, complete with jumps and lifts.

Beautifully staged, this piece explored the amount of trust and strength that dance partners share by having partners fall into each others arms, or jump and expect to be caught. The ease of the lifts was breathtaking and it proved that dance can be more than delicate movement. It can be risky and tough as well as beautiful.

Rutherford and Howard's piece was a nice break in the fluidity of the rest of the program, but it was not the only refreshing change in the show. Meagan Bruskewicz '08 incorporated spoken word as well as dance into her piece and the result was startling. She staged a one woman protest against the government's stance on the art world with repeated movement as well as a simple mantra.

Her piece was effective though because the visual and the audio elements remained with the audience and they too thought about the government's lack of respect for the

artists.

Other notable pieces used specific elements of music to control their message, like the idea of escape in Monica Hanofee's '08 piece, which incorporated comedy with it's vaudevillian music and a group of sly dancers who chased each other around the stage. On the opposite end of the music spectrum, Lauren Sion '08 opted for silence, in order to highlight the strength of her cast, and the power of movement alone, not aided by anything else.

The other choreographers, Tori Puff '08, Dany Guy '08 and Heather Fox '08, all performed pieces that highlighted the search for identity and focused primarily on the dancers use of their own personal space within the constraints of the group and the stage itself.

All in all, the pieces were all enjoyable to watch because they all had a different theme to bring to the audience. Even if the styles of dancing were similar, the choreographers' utilization of the movements, selection of music and even the use of lighting made every piece memorable in its own way. *Moving Stories* proved yet again the talent of the College's dance department as well as the passion and insight these talented choreographers brought to the art of dance.

Health Communications kicks butts at the College



Last Tues. Nov. 27 the Health communications class taught by Professor Kahlenberg, organized a campaign against cigarette smoking as a way to better educate the Student Body about the harmful effects of this addictive habit. The night started with an AWARENESS CONCERT in the Garden Room from 5:00-7:00pm featuring the College's favorite performers, such as Ty & Colin Hooker-Haring's Band, the AcaFellas, Noteworthy, the Girls Next Door, Teddy Lytle, Hugh Trimble and Sam Swan. In addition to the performances, there was a raffle with prizes including an ESPN gift basket, gift cards and other nice prizes. Included as part of the event was a smoothie bar and a special garden room menu. The night continued with a Smoke-Free Night at the Liberty Street Tavern from 7-9 pm. There was trivia, pizza and soda specials and another chance to win some great prizes. Members of the Health Communications class stated that the importance of the event was simply to raise awareness to smokers as well as nonsmokers, to prove that students could enjoy themselves without a cloud of smoke present, and that other alternatives can always be considered.

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Hey you, take your clothes off

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

You're on vacation in France. You're on a beach. You're wearing your new bathing suit. The 75 year old next to you is not. He is quite naked. Yet he is smiling like today is the best day of his life. You think, I want to be that happy. So you take off your top. You feel awkward. Suddenly, the European breeze on your American nakedness feels surprisingly nice.

So you wonder. Why can you do this here, but on the Jersey Shore you would get arrested? How come nudity in other countries is the norm while in America it's only saved for porn stars and Lindsay Lohan?

Let's centralize. Your house, your bed. Sleeping naked feels wonderful. Being skin-to-sheet can make you feel as good as that 75 year old guy on the beach. Still, some people are really uncomfortable sleeping naked, even when they're sleeping alone. We don't get this. However, we've come across quite a

few people, usually men, who won't strip down. We find this unusual because guys are usually the ones scrambling to unbuckle their pants when they know sex is coming. But after sex, they're the first ones to put their clothes back on. It's not like we haven't just seen everything boys. We know what you're packin'. Or, lackin'. Some post-sex, skin to skin spoonage never hurt anyone. In fact, in can often lead to round two. Plus, it makes morning sex a whole lot easier to get into. You're already tired, you have to avoid morning breath, so why add any extra obstacles?

Look at it this way: You sleep naked, you wake up next to a naked girl. You might as well do it now before you're tied down to a wife and gravity takes over.

We all know that girls have body image problems. This is a given. This is why we call ourselves fat and compare ourselves to other girls and order a salad at dinner but then end up eating all the fries

off your plate. It drives all you guys crazy but you just have to deal with it. If we can put our self-loathing aside long enough to spend a whole night naked, so can you.

To be honest, us girls don't really care about your beer gut, or chest hair, or the fact that you hang slightly to the left. In fact, we notice a lot less than you think we do. But what happens when one person is totally open to nakedness and the other is totally opposed?

A compromise needs to be met.

Sometimes, it's ok to sleep with your preference of clothing or lack-thereof. But just to spice things up, why not schedule a Topless Tuesday or Free-Ballin Friday? Let it all hang out. Feel good about yourself.

Compliment your partner, touch them, make them feel sexy. Don't be offended if your significant other doesn't always want to be naked with you, just appreciate and take advantage of the moments when they do. Being naked can

put you in a vulnerable position which can lead to a new level of closeness.

Alright, enough about feelings. We have an issue to address. We're going to leave you this week with a pet peeve of ours. We're sure many of you girls can sympathize with us on this one.

We can't make you take your clothes off. We can merely strongly suggest it. The one thing we can demand however, is to take your damn socks off during sex. If the rest of you is naked, your feet should be too. I mean, are you preparing for a fire drill? An immediate post-sex Wawa run?

What is so urgent that you have to keep your socks off, all things on? You might as well put on some mittens, or throw on some sunglasses. If we shave our legs for you, lose the footwear. It's sexy when we wear stilettos in bed, not so sexy when you're rubbing your three dollar cotton Hanes up and down our calf.

Moral of the story? Do as the 75 year old European. Let it all hang out. It'll make you and your lady friend smile.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN TEN YEARS?



"Directing Porn Movies"
-Carlo Morrongiello '08



"In bed with Wilma and
Leonardo DiCaprio."
- Casey Gill '11



"Eating Cheese in Paris."
-Megan Aronson '08



"On vacation in Aruba."
-Tom Dougherty, Assistant Chief
of Campus Safety



"In the East Village in an
apartment with four other
artists"
- Julia Demilio '10

Compiled by Alex Kaplan and Jeremy Thompson

AMC Weekend Listings



American Gangster

Fri. 2:30, 6:15, 9:30
Sat. 2:30, 6:15, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 6:15, 9:30

Bee Movie

Fri. 4:20, 6:45, 9:10
Sat. 4:20, 6:45, 9:10
Sun. 2:00, 4:20, 6:45

Fred Claus

Fri. 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
Sat. 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
Sun. 12:50, 3:45, 6:30

August Rush

Fri. 4:50, 7:45, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:45, 10:15
Sun. 2:10, 4:50, 7:45

Enchanted

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:00

Beowulf

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:30

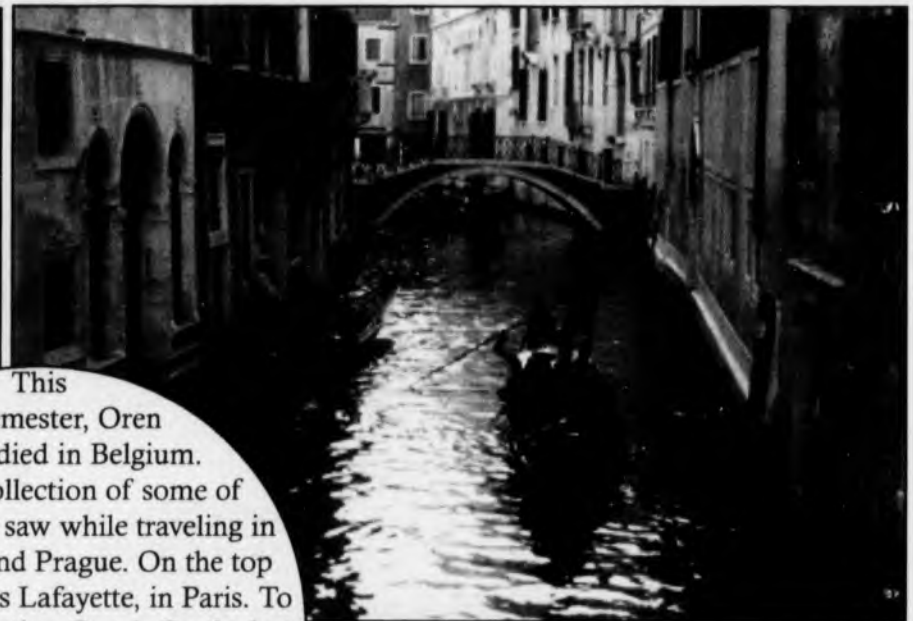
Hitman

Fri. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

Stephen King's The Mist

Fri. 4:00, 7:15, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:15, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:15

A montage of Oren's travels



This past semester, Oren Smith studied in Belgium. Here are a collection of some of the sites that he saw while traveling in Paris, Venice, and Prague. On the top left is the Galeries Lafayette, in Paris. To the right, is a Venetian Canal. On the bottom left, is a castle in Prague, which is one of the oldest maintained structure in Europe. Below right is Palais de Luxembourg in Paris. Photos courtesy of: Oren Smith

Write for Life!

"Life is a highway...
I wanna write for it all
night long..."

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Winter Break

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★ **Happy Holidays!** ★

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
LIFE! EDITOR

Baby News:

Zac Hanson, the youngest Hanson brother, is expecting a baby with his wife, Kate. Zac, 22 said, "I am utterly thrilled at the thought of becoming a father, I can't wait to meet this person." Kate, 23, stated, "This is the most amazing time for us. It's the most romantic thing we've ever done." The couple has been married since June, 2006. Oldest brother Isaac has one child, while middle brother Taylor, already has three.

Singer Usher, and wife, Tameka Foster welcomed a baby boy Monday night, in Atlanta, GA. Foster experienced a difficult pregnancy, but both mother and child are doing well. The couple married earlier this year, amidst controversy, as it is reported that Foster and Usher's mother do not get along.

Britney Spears Update:

The L.A. City Attorney wants to put Spears on twelve-month probation for not driving with a valid driver's license. Though this has yet to happen, Spears has recently lost the ability to drive with her children in the car.

This decision came after Spears was seen running a red light while text messaging, with her children in the car. She was also seen driving at night, with sunglasses on, while transporting her two children. Monday, Spears' and ex-husband

Kevin Federline's lawyers teamed up to sort out Holiday visitation rights. It was decided between the lawyers that Britney will have the Children on Christmas day, as Federline had the children on Thanksgiving. In addition to this, "The News of the World" has reported that Spears actually wants to adopt Chinese twins. It is reported that she is working with an agency to finalize the adoption of six-year old twin girls. Many hope that this is purely just rumor.

Couples News:

Last Wednesday, Linda Hogan filed for divorce from wrestler husband, Hulk Hogan. Though many saw this as a surprise, it has been reported that the couple has actually been separated since June, and that those close to the couple were not surprised by the filing. The couple even reportedly filmed the last season of "Hogan Knows Best" apart, due to their separation.

It is reported that the show has not been picked up for another season. Hulk reportedly found out about the divorce from a Florida reporter. Linda is asking for half of Hulk's assets and for alimony as well.

The couple was married for almost twenty-four years. Hulk released a statement saying, "Please respect my family's privacy at this time with all that we have been through. I care for my wife and my children are my world and I just hope this all works out."

Current Events:

Actors Don Cheadle and George Clooney have been awarded a joint honor for their work in promoting peace in Darfur, as well as, "for their commitment to saving human lives and alleviating the suffering of civilian victims of the conflict," as stated by the *World Summit*.

The two were awarded by a collection of Nobel Laureates. Both actors have traveled to Darfur and have publicly raised awareness of the problems that have been affecting the region.

Fashion designer, Kimora Lee Simmons, has been sued by Macy's. The Baby Phat designer is being sued for cheating the company out of money. She reportedly overcharged Macy's for her cosmetic line and would not give them the extra profit that was made. Simmons originally signed on with Macy's in September of 2006, and then raised the prices of her line, supposedly to receive a higher profit for herself.

Oprah Winfrey secretly made a trip to her South African school over the past weekend. The father of one of the girls abused at the school spoke highly of Winfrey, stating, "The meeting went well. It took about two hours, and I appreciate that Oprah took time to listen. Oprah looked beautiful and was so easy to talk to. It went very smoothly. I am very happy and pleased that Oprah heard our side of the story. We have closure." Winfrey also surprised the students by showing up to their end of the year party.

After three weeks of striking, The Writers Guild of America has resumed talks to settle the strike. The writers are requesting profits from television aired on the internet. They are seeking this from Disney, Viacom, GE, News Corp, Sony and Time Warner. It is reported that they will have a deal by January. Many actors continue to stand with the writers in support of the strike.

MTV's "The Hills" continues to fuel rumors that the show is staged. The cast is currently in Paris filming, and a casting notice was sent out for a young Parisian male to lead Lauren around Paris for the show. This adds to numerous pieces of evidence that much of the show is staged, and that it is not, in fact, reality television. All of the cast denies that the show is staged, but admits that they do have filming schedules.

After years of speculation, Neil Diamond has admitted that his song, "Sweet Caroline" was about Caroline Kennedy. He said that he wrote the song after coming across a picture of the young Caroline, and believing her to be sweet.

He stated, "It was a No. 1 record and probably is the biggest, most important song of my career, and I have to thank her for the inspiration. I'm happy to have gotten it off my chest and to have expressed it to Caroline. I thought she might be embarrassed, but she seemed to be struck by it and really, really happy."

Are you an ethical blogger?

By Martha Stevenson
HEAD OF PUBLIC OUTREACH &
INFORMATION LITERACY SERVICES

How would you answer these questions?

Do you try to be truthful when you blog?

Do you think you are accountable for what you post?

Do you reveal your "true" identity when you post as much as possible?

Do you reveal your personal affiliations and conflicts of interest?

Do you try to minimize harm to others when posting information (don't use vulgar language, don't call anyone names, aren't racially derogatory, etc.)?

Do you build relationships when blogging?

Do you allow others to post to

your blog? Or do you post to other blogs?

Do you edit entries when posted to your blog to cover up mistakes or are you willing to post corrections when needed?

Do you cite your sources?

Do you include links to original sources?

In a survey done by the Pew Internet & American Life Project, 54% of the people who blog are between the ages of 18-29 and that the main reason to blog is to express oneself creatively.

This group does not spend a lot of time blogging, a mere 2 hours a week. There are a lot of bloggers out there in the blogosphere. They see keeping and reading blogs as a personal pursuit in which to share experiences with others online, never having to see them face-to-face. Are you part of this group?

Since you do not have to interact face-to-face with people to share ideas or voice your opinions, do you think that changes the way you act when blogging?

Has blogging made you forget everything your parents and society have taught you about interacting with others? Should there be a "code of ethics" for bloggers? Or do you see blogs as a place for free expression where anything goes? Would you rather read fiction or fact?

Right now the majority of blogs out there do not have a code of ethics at least on the blog itself. Bloggers tend to follow their own defined self code which is internal and not posted.

Bloggers seem resistant to rules and codes others have established for them. From the same survey it does state that bloggers either

knowingly or unknowingly think of themselves as journalists and follow journalistic standards. 35% of bloggers say they try to verify facts and include links to original source materials.

Bloggers value accuracy, credibility and etiquette. Many bloggers also think they will keep each other in check. This has been called the "self-correcting phenomenon" (Perlmutter, 2007).

Who wants to continue to read a blog that is constantly full of false information, prejudices, and vulgar language?

So as a blogger, what values do you hold dear? Truth? Accountability? Transparency (lack of anonymity)? Honesty? Credibility?

Or are you of the mindset that if someone wants to blog than they participate at their own risk?

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New system, new challenges

By Josh Goldstein

WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Scotty Wood Tournament saw some good action from a young Mules team that won its first game of the year over Villa Julie, 73-56. The Mules' up-tempo, quick, and massive-substitution style known as the Grinnell System went to work early when the Mules jumped out to a 19-3 start. The Mustangs from Villa Julie would come back and make the game close at times, but could never get over the hurdle and Muhlenberg proved to be too tough.

The Mules were led in scoring by junior Lauren Boyle who scored 19 points on 6 of 14 shooting, and was a perfect 7 for 7 from the free-throw line. Freshman Sheila Cook led the Mules with 7 rebounds and added 9 points of her own. Senior captain Abra Like led the way with 6 assists as she continued to make the Mules tick. It was an impressive win, but the Mules' week-

end was not over.

The championship game for Scotty Wood was a different story as the Mules could not keep the momentum going from the first round. The Lady Royals from Scranton jumped out to a quick 13-0 lead, and never looked-back. The Mules were able to cut the deficit as low as 10 early in the second half, but a 12-2 run was just the response the Lady Royals needed to take home a 24-point win (84-60) and the Scotty Wood Championship. Boyle and sophomore Alexis Bates both had good nights, scoring 15 and 16 points respectively, earning them spots on the All-Tournament team. Freshman Shelia Cook once again led the Mules in rebounding with six. However, it was not enough to capture a 5th straight Scotty Wood title.

The Mules had to move on quickly as they finished their pre-Thanksgiving schedule with their first Centennial Conference game against Gettysburg. The Mules spent the first half

coming back from a deficit, but were able to end the half up two points on freshman point guard Kelly McKeon's buzzer-beating jump shot. However, the second half was not as friendly to the Mules, as they were outscored by 16 (38-22) and dropped their second straight game and first in the Centennial Conference, 71-57.

Sophomore Kaitlyn O'Malley led the Mules in scoring with 15 points and got some help from Boyle, who finished the game with 12 points. For the second straight game, McKeon led the team in assists, this time with 6, and junior Erin McSherry continued her dominance on the glass against Centennial Conference opponents, grabbing 6 rebounds.

It is early for the Mules team, and they are still learning a new aggressive system. However, they will need to find their groove fast with 5 tough games coming up before they hit the Christmas break.

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Sophomore Maiza Mock scored five points in her first career start against Villa Julie.

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Shattered school record:

Men's Team wins by a whopping 70

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Men's Basketball set a new school record in the Scotty Wood Tournament. By beating

Philadelphia Biblical 107-37, the Mules beat the previous school record of a 68-point margin of victory by beating their opponents by 70 points. After breezing by Philadelphia Biblical in the first round of the 26th annual Scotty Wood Tournament, the Mules were ready to take on Curry in the Championships. In the first half the Mules were only down by five points for most of the way; however, in the last minute of the first half, Curry added another four points to carry into the next half and they kept a double digit lead for the rest of the game. Curry's shooters were on top of their game, going 14 for 21 in three-point attempts. This was enough to put them over Muhlenberg's edge and capture a 92-71 victory.

The sophomore class dominated this game with a combined total of 43 of the 71 points. Sophomore Brian Frankowski had a career high 16 points and fellow sophomore Obi Nwizugbo added another career high 13 points. Nwizugbo and sophomore Ryan Foster, who put up 8 points, received All-Tournament honors.

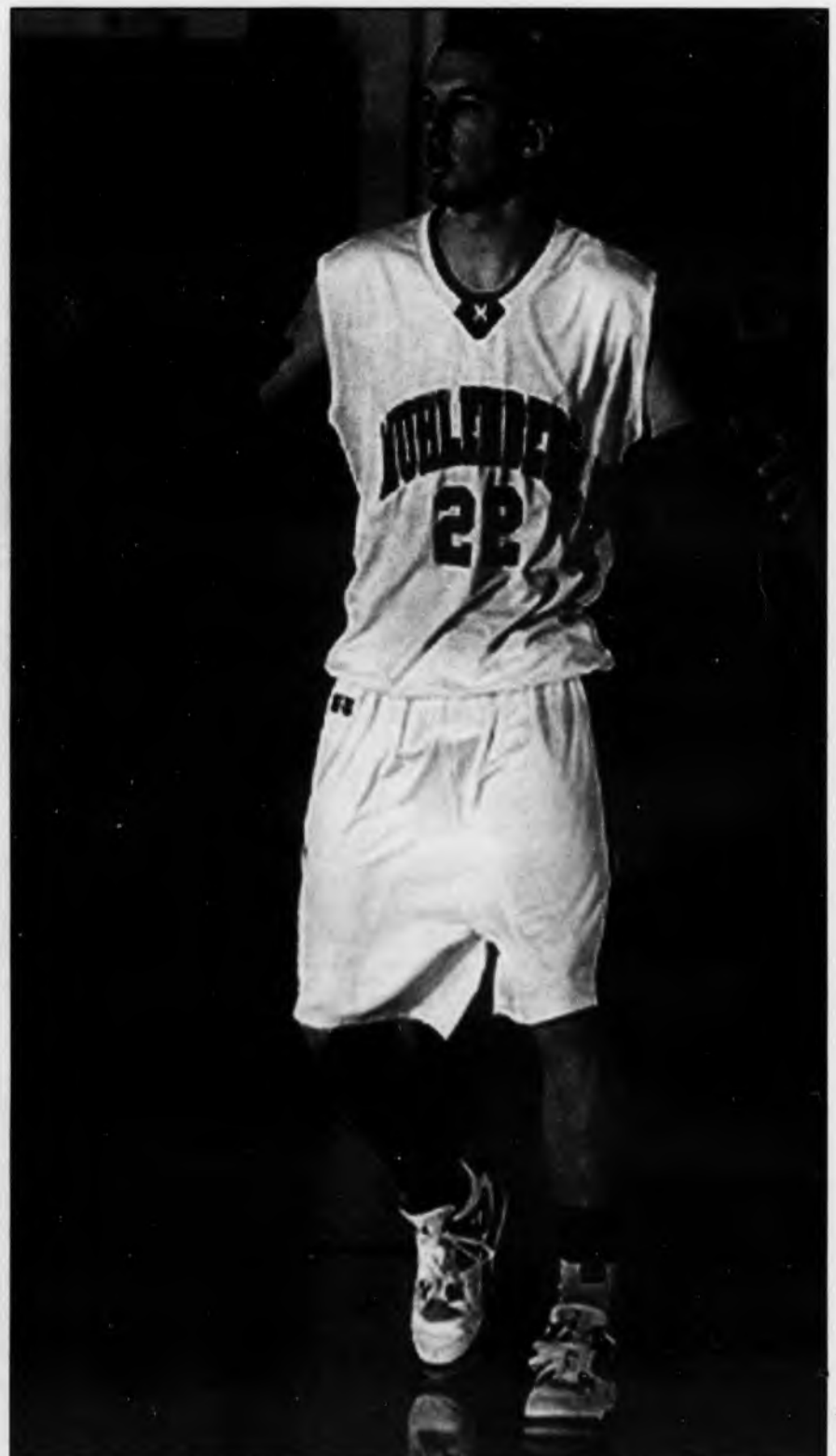
The third game of the season for the Muhlenberg Men's Basketball Team against Drew University turned out to be a true battle. Muhlenberg was down by 12 with 6 minutes left to play in the first half. The Mules then responded with a 12-1 run to trail by only one point before heading into the locker room for half time.

In the second half, Foster pounded a three-pointer with the game just under half-way through. Junior Mike Bernardini sunk three free throws to help the Mules take their biggest lead of the game: 47-42. The Mules, however, did not score again, and Drew took a 51-47 win.

Foster scored 18 points, going 7 for 9 in shooting. Sophomore Pete Barnes finished the game with seven blocked shots, just one block shy of the school record.



Senior Greg Pask looks to shoot against Philadelphia Biblical at the Scotty Wood Tournament.



Junior Chris MacIntosh holds the ball at mid-court to weigh his options.

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Mules' only loss eliminates them from NCAAs

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

Two weeks ago, the Muhlenberg Mules were soaring, as they had beaten a very good Salisbury team to make it to the second round of the playoffs. However, they were then dealt the tough task of having to face the only opponent to defeat Salisbury in the regular season: Wesley College. Wesley also became the only opponent to defeat the Mules, beating them 38-21, and ended a previously perfect season as well as a 12-game winning streak.

The Mules seemed to have all the momentum in the first half, as junior running back John DeLuca ran 51 yards off a kick on the opening drive. Nine plays later, junior quarterback Eric Santagato found sophomore wide receiver Phil Cresta for the first touchdown of the day. That would be the Mules' only lead of the day.

The defense initially stepped up to the challenge, forcing three fumbles, including a blocked punt. However, the Mules' offense could never capitalize. They were stopped once on a 4th and 1 on the Wolverines' 26-yard line, another time by an intentional grounding call, and yet again at a missed field goal attempt. The Wolverines scored late in the first half, which gave momentum to the Atlantic Central Football Conference Champions.

In the second half, Wesley's running back Aaron Jackson took over, as he scored on runs of 41 and 89 yards within the first two minutes, putting the Wesley Wolverines up 21-7. They would later go up 28-7 with a score early in the fourth quarter. Santagato would add two touchdown runs, each from a yard out, but by the time he scored his second touchdown, the score was 35-21 with 7:28 left in the game. Wesley would add a field goal, and will now be featured in the regional finals against Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Although the season ended sooner than the Mules could have hoped, it was still a fantastic season for our Mules. Once predicted to finish fifth in Conference play, the Mules defied all the critics by winning the Centennial Conference Championship outright, as well as finishing the regular season with a perfect record.



Top right: Junior quarterback Eric Santagato sets up the play against Salisbury.

Bottom left: Junior running back John DeLuca, here against Salisbury, also had a strong game against Wesley College in the losing effort.

Bottom right: The Mules beat Salisbury by a score of 31-21.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008

Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

Thurs., Jan. 17, the campus came together in the Center of the Arts Recital Hall to celebrate and remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event was organized by Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, the Director of Multicultural Life and the Multicultural Center. Dr. Drayton-Craig collaborated with a student committee in the fall to plan this event. She explains that "the committee grappled with what would make Dr. King's commemoration relevant to students who were far removed from the 60's." The students wanted to show what else Dr. King stood for besides the well known *I Have a Dream* speech.

The event began with a poem about Dr. King read by Samuel Hayden '10. Eric Thompson '10 then posed the question that if Dr. King were alive today would he look at the world and believe that his dream had come true, or would

he think that it had fallen short? Dr. Drayton-Craig explains that the student committee wanted to make their presentation relevant to students by bringing up issues about the world in which we live locally, nationally, and globally. Issues such as health insurance, money being spent on military action instead of social uplift, and the aid needed in Darfur were brought up by various speakers from the planning committee.

Dr. Richmond gave a moving speech about how Dr. King's greatest message to us is how he lived day to day and that as a campus community we too can achieve greatness in our own daily lives. "Take notice, watch each other, see how you treat one another on this campus," explained Dr. Richmond. Dr. Drayton-Craig selected Dr. Richmond for the commentary because of her relevant Brown Bag discussions last semester in the

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Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Affairs, was the keynote speaker at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. event.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

GSA steps up in celebrating a landmark event



Tables were set up outside of Miller Forum by each of the organizations that came together to support and celebrate the anniversary of Roe v. Wade

PHOTO BY MEREDITH CLINTON

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Tues., Jan 22 marked the thirty-fifth anniversary of the United States Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade. In recognition of this landmark event, the College's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) teamed up with the Allentown Women's Center, Planned Parenthood of Northeast Pennsylvania, and the Clara Bell Duvall Reproductive Freedom Project - ACLU of Pennsylvania to assist the award-winning filmmakers Barbara Attie and Janet Goldwater in screening their documentary *Motherless: A Legacy of Loss from Illegal Abortion*.

The documentary tells the story of four individuals whose mothers died following illegal abortions in the years before *Roe v. Wade*, including Clara Bell Duvall who died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1929. The film has won several awards and is widely used in medical and law schools as well as women's studies programs nationwide.

Attie and Goldwater are the producers and directors of *Motherless*, and are the 2005 recipients of the Pew Fellowship in the Arts. Since 1990, Attie and Goldwater have collaborated on award-winning documentaries for national and international broadcast. Major documentary collaborations by the two include: *Rosita*, 2005; *Maggie Growls*, 2003; *I Witness: Shot Down in Pensacola*, 1998; and *Landowska: Uncommon Visionary*, 1997. *Motherless* is the winner of the Cine Golden Eagle award, a Silver Apple award from the National Educational Film and Video Festival, Honorable Mention at the American Film and Video Festival, and was a finalist at the International Health and Medical Film Festival.

At Tues. night's event Attie said that the inspiration for the documentary stems from hearing the story of Linn Harwell, one of the

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The power of the new generation

"You're never ready for this; you simply hit the ground running and never stop." That is what our editor in chief told us right after we had obtained our new, higher positions. With all this weight on our shoulders now, we are quite nervous about carrying out our positions to the best of our ability, to upholding the journalistic standard that so precedes us, but we realized halfway through our first meeting and our "what do we do now?" looks to one another, that this can only be a good thing. To be in a position where we can influence some type of change, however small, leaves the door open for many different possibilities.

We may have power, but so does every well-educated college student out there today. By using the tools and resources given to us, as well as the passion for change we know most of us harbor, the differences that we could make in society are endless. We are truly the new generation, in that we have experienced war and hatred in their most radical senses and we know that such horrible things, like that of the Jena Six, should die with us.

We firmly believe that if every college student, or even every person, invested some time and energy into a cause they are passionate about then something, anything would start to happen. If we all adopted the attitude of simply diving in and never giving up, that relentlessness would prevail. It would have to.

There is no better time than the present to become involved somehow – to join that club you have always had your eye on, to protest that issue you find unjust, or to vote for your favorite candidate. With a new semester just beginning, the time for change is now...

And as we sit here writing this amidst the production of our first issue as leaders of this paper, we have to wonder what lies ahead for us. What changes will we make? What changes will we witness? Maybe we will have the chance to record in these pages the changes that take place this year from all of those who decide to follow our lead.

So, with that we ask you, who's ready to run?

And then there were seven

By Matthew Howard
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

On Tuesday, former senator Fred Dalton Thompson officially ended his campaign to become the

Republican Party candidate for President. With his departure, only seven "legitimate" candidates remain, vying to become the next President of the United States. John McCain, Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani represent the Republican candidates, while Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards represent the Democratic Party. While officially there are eleven candidates seeking the office of the President, only those seven possess the resources and support to come out on top of their respective primaries. In fact, that number could be reduced to six, or even five, depending on how Mr. Giuliani fares in Florida and how Senator Edwards fares in South Carolina.

Considering that Mr. Giuliani put most of his time and resources towards winning in Florida, a loss in the primary could deal a fatal blow to his campaign. He is reportedly running out of money, so much so that he is letting members of his staff go, and in a number of polls, losing in Florida. Senator Edwards' campaign has yet to develop any momentum so far and he is losing possible campaign donations to Senators Obama and Clinton, who seem to be well ahead of Edwards in the polls. If he doesn't win in South Carolina there is a good possibility that he will drop out of the race.

What concerns me about this election cycle is the lack of a single unifying candidate for each party. When I discuss the election with friends, the question that always seems to come up is "Clinton or Obama." It's as if they have created a rivalry that is like the ones between the Rangers-Islanders or Yankees-Red Sox classic rivalry. If you like Clinton, then you cannot agree with anything that Obama says and vice-a-versa.

On the other end of the spectrum, the Republican candidates can't seem to agree on anything. McCain is arguing for the preservation of human rights, Romney is busy defending his change of heart on the abortion issue, Huckabee is busy practicing his round-house kicks with Chuck Norris while Giuliani is yelling "September eleventh" in the corner. I am not particularly impressed with the crop of candidates this election cycle seems to offer. Whoever wins will certainly have his, or her work cut out for them. The Iraq War, the economy, global warming and human rights are only four of the many issues facing this country, and the world. Hopefully whoever comes out on top will surprise me and bring this country back on track.

While officially there are eleven candidates seeking the office of the President, only seven possess the resources and support to come out on top.

Liberating our bathrooms from gender oppression



Gender & Identity

Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

As more of my trans-identified friends have decided to start the transitioning process, I have begun to see bathrooms as a leading opponent to freedom from gender oppression. I have noticed more closely just how oppressing gendered bath-

rooms are. That when talking about gender binaries, bathrooms are a clear example. There are only two choices, and you must fit into one of them, regardless of the fact that few of us really do...

Our binary gender system allows us to pee in either the "men's room" or the "women's room" – but doesn't allow for the tiniest bit of gender fluidity among us. Take, for example, a masculine woman who enters the women's restroom. The moment she enters, she becomes victim to the game of gender oppression which tells girls to conform to an archaic model of femininity. The masculine woman in the girls' bathroom or the effeminate male in the men's room are both subject to harassment simply for their need to use the bathroom, while not conforming to societal gender roles. Even more clearly, a problem with our bathroom binary comes for our trans-identified friends who may not identify with either male or female, but will still be forced to make a

decision on where it is most safe to pee. This is clearly ridiculous.

But fear not, for I have a solution! Groups like GenderPAC, The National Student Genderblind Campaign, and the Bathroom Liberation Movement have advocated the creation of "All Gender" single person, lockable restrooms which do not make people choose an artificial, socially constructed gender whenever they need to use a bathroom. This is, I believe, the best solution, as it maintains safety concerns brought to the table by second-wave feminists, who argue that mixed bathrooms contribute to sexual assault (a comment I disregard, and frankly find heterosexist in nature) as well as concerns from the third-wave Gender community that wants to maintain safe bathroom environments regardless of gender identity or expression.

These All-Gender restrooms also serve other constituencies since they are wheelchair accessible and can be used by parents with small children.

Smart businesses and colleges are taking the gender-oppressing labels off their bathrooms and creating at least one All-Gender, single person lockable restroom per building.

At Muhlenberg, the GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) has urged the committee looking at the Seegers renovations to include an All Gender restroom in its plans, but we can't stop there! We also need to take off the gender labels in these bathrooms campus wide, especially the single person, lockable bathrooms because there is absolutely no ethical justification for gendering them.

The ability to use the bathroom without fear of harassment is not radical; it is a basic right for people of all genders. But our minds are still too narrow to grasp the concept that gender is not real. For anyone who disagrees, try using the bathroom labeled for a gender other than your own. Do this at a peak time, so that you can get that full experience of feeling uncomfortable.

Republican race could benefit Democrats



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Whether Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton emerges victorious from the primaries, Democrats nationwide have to feel comfortable about the chances of not seeing a Republican in the Oval Office for the first time in

eight years. A diverse array of candidates has Republicans nationwide fractured, as the race remains wide open with the election only seven months away.

Mike Huckabee came out of nowhere to steal a victory in Iowa, but was only able to gain a victory there due to a strong Evangelical base of supporters. He has since struggled and doesn't seem to be a viable nationwide candidate. His lack of knowledge in foreign affairs should also be alarming to anybody who would ever consider voting for him. This isn't the time to elect a president who is clueless in foreign policy, especially after the mess the last president, with questionable foreign policy knowledge, has left.

Rudy Giuliani seemed to be the front-runner a few months ago, but his strategies have recently been questioned. By refusing to campaign actively in the first handful of races, he has dug himself a sizeable hole. Many doubt that he is popular

enough outside of the east coast to win the nomination.

Mitt Romney had his back against the wall but escaped with crucial victories in Michigan and Nevada. There still remains skepticism of whether or not a Mormon could end up in the White House, but since a woman or black man is winning the Democratic nomination, his faith shouldn't be the factor stopping him from getting the nomination. He still needs to find a way to win a high percentage of Evangelical voters if he is going to capture enough delegates.

John McCain has scored victories in South Carolina and New Hampshire and is probably the most widely respected candidate. Yet his stance on the issues closely resembles President Bush's, which could make people hesitant to vote for him. However, he is a much more qualified candidate than Romney and

Huckabee in the arena of foreign policy.

It looks like the race will come down to Super Tuesday when more than 20 states will have their primary. The Republicans are either going to have to deal with the widely known and popular Obama or the well-funded and highly experienced Clinton. At the current time it looks like Romney and Giuliani still

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remain the front runners, but McCain has been coming on strong. No matter who the Republicans end up selecting, Democrats everywhere have to feel confident as they watch two highly competent and capable candidates battle it out in a closely contested race. On the other hand, the Republicans

remain a largely divided party that is having a tough time rallying behind one candidate. This is mostly because nobody has stepped up as a dynamic leader capable of guiding our country.

R.I.P. Heath

By Avivah Furman
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

At approximately 3:30 p.m., Jan. 22, Actor Heath Ledger was found dead in his downtown Manhattan apartment. He was twenty-eight years old. Ledger was found when his housekeeper went to inform the star that his masseur was ready for his appointment.

Imagine her dismay to find the lovely starlet unconscious, pills strewn around him.

When the paramedics arrived, Ledger was already in full cardiac arrest and pronounced dead at the scene. While still unconfirmed, police officials suspect cause of death to be the result of a drug overdose; no foul play is suspected.

The Australian-native actor has a two-year-old daughter with former fiancée, Michelle Williams. After a very public courtship during the making of *Brokeback Mountain*, the two separated in September, 2007.

Ledger recently wrapped up filming *The Dark Knight*, where he played the Joker in this latest *Batman* installment.

Celebrity drug issues are becoming more and more common. With the myriad of public downspiralings of our celebrity heroes, it comes, sadly, as no shock to hear of yet another fallen star. Celebrity rehab has

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become a right of passage for some celebrities as they dance in and out of these rehab centers as if they were hot nightclubs. Their cries for help echo through the media as the hungry paparazzi furiously snap each and every step in celebrity downfall.

Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew chronicles the painstaking, gut-wrenching process of overcoming addiction in front of millions of viewers; tabloids run frequent images of celebrities in inebriated

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Catching up with technology?

By Brian Galgano
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Ask anyone to use one word to describe our generation and more than likely the word "technology" comes to mind. With technology becoming increasingly vital to our everyday routines, this new technological generation has different wants and desires than past generations.

With technology changing every day and our society becoming more interconnected through various mediums, I have begun to question whether Muhlenberg is advancing fast enough with the movement. Muhlenberg is at a crucial point in which it needs to seriously evaluate its current website.

I feel that our current webpage is difficult to navigate, is not welcoming for prospective students, lacks the tools needed for current students, and quite honestly lacks a lot of information.

I recently began looking at our webpage and following the various links from the main page. As I clicked further into each link, I found that the information I was looking for was either minimal or non-existent. In some cases links were not active, but in most, they led to poorly designed and uninformative web pages.

One of the most irritating aspects of the website was the number of times a link forwarded me to a PDF of our college catalog.

The most disheartening discovery, however, was that most of the web pages of various campus organizations and academic departments did not present enough information about their programs.

The question that kept coming to mind was, is this a website for prospective students or current students? Muhlenberg needs a website designed for current as well as prospective students. Currently, I feel it has no

direct audience in mind.

If the audience is for current students, it's of absolutely no use, for it is not designed for the current student. To offer a solution that many institutions similar to ours have is a my.muhlenberg.edu page for its

current students. This would allow students both on campus or off campus to find relevant information in a logical, organized fashion just for them.

If it's primarily for prospective students, it's confusing, uninformative, and not welcoming. One solution for this might be an area on the main website for prospective students that brings them to their own section with the relevant information they need.

The current setup of all the information presented in no organized fashion with massive amounts of links is

a sign of failure in web design.

This process of revitalizing and making our website more useful for prospective students and current students is a must if Muhlenberg wishes to remain a competitive institution.

Technology is being encompassed into my generation's everyday lives, and web pages that are disorganized or confusing turn us away. Take an example from CNN: they have learned web design brilliantly and understand the visual needs of web users. They have devoted web addresses to different topics and their pages are visually stimulating.

Muhlenberg, a campus that spends so much money and time updating and adding facilities to a beautiful campus, should have numerous photos promoting these facilities on our website.

Why is the content of our website so much text and barely any other media?

For a prospective student, our website does not stand out; I argue it turns the interested away. Meanwhile, for the current student it is beyond frustrating.

There should be one location for a student to access the links to websites such as groupwise, blackboard, capstone, muleclubs.com, mymuhlenberg.com (a site for alumni), and the message board (an address I can't access or find a link to anywhere).

Clearly our website needs redesign and renovation to cater to the needs of its current students. However, before we hire a company to design an aesthetically pleasing website, we need to listen to the wants and needs of our current students and design a website that is functional and convenient for those that will use it everyday.

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states and run articles speculating on their current level of sobriety. Celebrity addiction has become less something to revere, and more something to be entertained by, to gossip about, and to possibly inspire us. Whereas celebrities were once held with the highest respect, there is now a great deal of public pity for these struggling entertainers. But the inevitable question of the message being conveyed is somewhat muddled. Do we purely look down upon these celebrities as lost, confused souls? Or has addiction become glamourized and enviable? Is crack the new Birkin bag? Will the attraction of Britney's "One More Time" school girl outfit be replaced with an admiration for shaved heads and smashing car windows? To what extent will the public take this new fascination and how far must celebrities go to entertain their audiences?

After the death of Playboy playmate and media personality Anna Nicole Smith last year, one might think that the true face of drugs would be revealed to the public and the façade of glamour would be

diminished. It's all fine and good to pass through the revolving doors of rehab because the harsh reality isn't evident.

Celebrities get help, they quit, they go back, they quit again. It's entertaining in a sick way. Yet when celebrities can't quit, can't get help, and just can't overcome their addictions, the public is hit with the cruel and ruthless reality of drug addiction. The glamour of celebrity drug use allows the public to forget the devastating effects, and we can take pleasure in the woes and bad-boy image of celebrities. We were shocked to hear about the death of Anna Nicole Smith and her son and we are again taken aback by the death of Heath Ledger.

The glamorous lives of celebrities have always been enviable in all of their glitz, fame, and fortune. Yet, we forget the ugly side to their reality; the true feelings of the human beings we idolize.

How many more deaths will it take for the public to stop venerating celebrity addiction? When will the public get over it's schaudenfreude and stop supporting the illegal and harmful habits of today's stars? Rest in peace Heath, we'll miss you.

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The Garden Room welcomes a new Head Chef

By Ally Margolis
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Zoraida Rivera has recently joined Muhlenberg's kitchen staff, working as the college's head chef. Last week several special meals and desserts were presented by her in order to give students a little taste of what's to come.

With such great responses from the wonderful cakes and decadent chocolate treats in room 110 last week, Rivera has some high expectations to live up to. With her early fascination for food and desire to create new and unusual meals,

Rivera put her talent to the test. She was inspired by her Puerto Rican family's love for food and the importance they placed on mealtime. Everyday they reserved a special time for meals where they could unwind and come together to enjoy a home-cooked meal. Her mother and

father would lead her seven brothers and sisters in prayer and then discuss each child's day. Once Zoraida delved deeper into her interest, mealtime in the Rivera house started to change.

Formerly accustomed to the simplicities of rice and beans, her family was now being served new and exotic dishes. The self taught talent she possessed turned into something more, when she went to college and realized that studying communications was nowhere near as satisfying as preparing a great meal. After receiving her B.S., Rivera chased her dream and attended the French Culinary Institute in New York City. Rivera started out her career as a chef working at a number of well established New York City restaurants and hotels.

She later relocated to Pennsylvania, serving as the Executive Chef for a restaurant in the Pocono

Mountains and then as Executive Chef at a high profile concert hall and family restaurant. After twenty years of experience in the field of culinary arts, Rivera decided that it was time for a more challenging job. When she heard about the opening Muhlenberg had for its Executive Chef position, she knew it was an opportunity she had to take.

Rivera has many ideas for future meals at the College. Her inspiration derives from her creativity, talent, years of experience, and mindfulness of current cooking trends. When interviewing for the job, Rivera was told that many Muhlenberg students love sushi. This excited her into preparing the dish for the first day of classes.

As she saw the long line of students eagerly anticipating their turn to grab the plate, Zoraida knew that she was off to a

good start. Thinking back to college life at Kansas State University, Rivera notes that the variety of food choices has grown immensely. Whereas before fast food seemed to plague campuses, Zoraida says that now, "The sky

is the limit!" Although this creates an assortment of challenges for college chefs, Muhlenberg has nothing to fear. Executive Chef Zoraida Rivera looks forward to dishing out meals that will satisfy the desires of all students and faculty.



Zoraida Rivera eagerly begins her new job as Head Chef at the College.

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High expectations for Hillel

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

There have been a number of updates for Hillel this semester, including a change from Boscovs Catering Company to Sodhexo as the new food distributor for the Friday night Shabbat dinners. Hillel decided to change to Sodhexo because it became a better financial option and also because of its experience working with Kosher food. Recently, Sodhexo has been offering many new Kosher options in the Garden Room which have greatly expanded their knowledge of Kosher food.

The food will be cooked in the house with a chef provided by Sodhexo, and will be a lot fresher than the food cooked by Boscovs Catering Company in Redding, PA. The chef will be cooking the traditional Shabbat

meal including chicken, matzo ball soup, rice or potatoes, salad, and dessert.

Hillel will be hosting some upcoming events this semester that will be open to everyone on campus. Jon Falk '10, Vice President of Alumni Relations and Fundraising for Hillel, proposed the idea "Yiddis with Lids" and "Keep it Real with Kippahs." This event will occur on April 8th and will be open to anyone who would like to make a yamika or kippah. Falk explains, "I wanted to create an event to connect all Jews regardless of their denomination or affiliation and also to invite non Jews to take part in a cultural Jewish experience."

Falk likes this event because anyone can participate, supporting the message of Hillel "Klal Yisorel," meaning "all Jews." Falk presented his

idea to the executive board of Hillel and the Vice Presidents of Publicity, Jason Kirschner '10 and

Brandon Stern '10, who are now working hard to make sure that the event is a success.

Hillel will also be hosting Hamsa and Challah making on February 21st. The Hamsa hand is a traditional amulet that protects its owner from the envious or evil eye. Attendants will be able to paint these wooden hands and then keep them to hang in their dorm rooms. They will also be learning how to make Challah, which is the traditional bread and an important part of the Friday night Shabbat dinners.

Falk encourages everyone who wishes to attend to come to these events. "A lot of people like to come to Hillel because of its home environment and because they feel comfortable talking over a kitchen counter," Falk explains. Hillel hopes that these changes and upcoming events will help it continue to be a place of comfort for students on campus.



Cooky Notis (far right), a local Jewish Grandmother, came to the Hillel house to show their new Sodexo chef, Sherry, how to make matzah balls.

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College lends a hand to community organization

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Over the years many relationships have been formed between the College community and different organizations throughout the Lehigh Valley area. Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, a place where victims of abuse and their children can find refuge, is one of these organizations.

Turning Point's mission is to work towards the elimination of domestic violence, educate the community about the problem and provide empowerment services to victims. All services, which include a 24-hour help line for victims and their significant others, are free and confidential. Reasons for using the 24-hour help line include crisis intervention, safety planning, information and referrals, and to provide an empathetic ear as victims tell their stories about physical, emotional, sexual, economic and verbal abuse.

If women choose to seek refuge in either of the two emergency shelters that are provided by Turning Point, there are numerous services available for both adults and children. In addition to having access to trained counselors for either group or individual counseling, residents of the shelters are provided with linens, toiletries, and food.

Bus passes and gas cards are also available so that residents can keep any appointments they may have. "We do not tell anyone what to do. Each person seeking out help needs to decide what is best for them. They are the experts on their lives and they know what their batterers are capable of," said Pam Russell, Executive Director of Turning Point for the past four and-a-half years.

The organization also provides educational services for middle and high school students. The Jennifer Woodward Prevention Program teaches students about dating, violence, and healthy relationships. The goal of this pro-

gram is to prevent abusive behavior in the future by targeting youth as they are in the process of forming relationships. "Students are taught what abusive behavior looks like and given tools to seek help if they are in an abusive relationship," said Russell.

Turning Point's Community Education Department speaks about domestic violence to college groups, church groups, civic organizations, and businesses. The department also participates in health fairs and will talk about domestic violence, the impact on the individual and the community and develop specialized training as requested.

Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Students, has been on the Board of Directors of Turning Point for six years and now serves as Vice President. "At the first Step Out Against Domestic Violence of my tenure, there was one Muhlenberg College team, the Muhlenberg Gusto. The past two years, participation has grown to seven teams. The engagement of this annual event is heartening," said Wilson.

She also added, "The key for me is that support of Turning Point is consistent with the ethos of service and respect for human dignity that is at the heart of our College."

When asked about the College's relationship and participation with Turning Point, Russell said, "There are so many ways that students are involved with the organization. Certainly we've had interns working with our direct service programs, volunteer groups who collect items for our programs, students who have helped with bulk mailings, and actually groups who have come to do heavy cleaning and yard work...Alpha Chi Omega's national charitable focus is domestic violence and they have helped in all sorts of ways."

Other campus and student participation includes pizza sales coordinated by fraternities and sororities to bene-

fit Turning Point, an Evening with Turning Point gala coordinated by students, the recent Costume Shop handbag auction, the proceeds from Vagina Monologues, and invitations to have information tables at various campus-wide events.

Last semester Constance Case, Lecturer and Costume Designer, made twenty-seven hand bags with the help of her stitchers and students. "I was looking for an activity that would create comradery among my stitchers and help them understand how lucky they are. I suggested that we each make a handbag and auction them off for a good cause. My head stitcher, Lex Gurst, suggested Turning Point, and it seemed like a good fit," said Case of how she got involved with donating to the organization.

As the bags were completed by the group, Case posted the images on the group's blog, costumeshopmadness.blogspot.com. Brooke Steinhauer '08 arranged for the bags to be displayed in the Student Union for a week, and then arranged for a table to be available on that Friday for bidding. As a result of their efforts \$1,000 was raised and donated to Turning Point in December.

In addition to the donations from Case and her students, last semester's Candlelight Carol Services chose to designate their annual offering to Turning Point. "This year we chose Turning Point, a charity that helps women and children, because the College is celebrating the 50th anniversary of co-education. We wanted a charity that had a particular focus on women. \$2,378.62 was given by those who attended the three services, and that was passed along to Turning Point," said Peter Bredlau, College Chaplain.

"I can honestly say that we could not do what we do without the support and generosity of the community, including the Muhlenberg community. We are grateful for all gifts!" concluded Russell.

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Sudoku

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Weekend Weather

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Ashley Rider: Recipient of study abroad award



Ashley Rider (right) '09, pictured with Sherry Spector '09, recently received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for studying abroad in Argentina.

By Caitlin Bandfield
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Studying abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and for Ashley Rider '09, it just got even more exciting. The Muhlenberg junior was recently awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for when she studies abroad in Argentina this spring. This prestigious award, sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, is a monetary prize given to college undergraduates in the United States who plan on studying abroad.

According to the program's official website (<http://www.iie.org/programs/gilman/index.html>), "such international study is intended to better prepare U.S. students to assume significant roles in an increasingly global economy and interdependent world."

Rider, who was concerned about finances while studying in Argentina, applied for the Gilman award after getting the form in a packet of information from the office of Muhlenberg's International Programs. She started the long application process back in the fall of 2007, which included writing an essay and creating a proposal for a follow-on project upon her return to the United States. For this project she wants to focus on creating a type of guidance program for pre-med students here at the College who are thinking of studying abroad.

Rider, who is majoring in Neuroscience with a double minor in Spanish and Public Health, knows firsthand how challenging

it can be for a pre-med student here to study abroad. She wants to help others accomplish what she herself is achieving, adding, "I want to make the most out of my four years at Muhlenberg, which for me includes being able to go abroad to enhance my major."

Rider will be living with a host family in Buenos Aires from February until July and will be taking classes through a complete Spanish immersion program. Some of her goals while in Argentina include finishing her Spanish minor and doing an independent research project in public health. She is very committed to the field of health care, and after several experiences in the Allentown community she realizes more than ever how important and beneficial it is to be able to speak Spanish.

Rider is very excited and humbled to be a recipient of the Gilman International Scholarship. She notes that she was thrilled with how generous the program was, as well as the sense of pride and accomplishment she felt upon hearing that she had received the award. She also mentions that this is a big first step for her future plans of applying for the esteemed Fulbright Scholarship.

For now, Rider is preparing for her trip to Argentina and getting excited to spend a semester abroad where she can further hone her interest in and knowledge of both Spanish and public health. She is extremely grateful for the generosity and support of the Gilman Scholarship, and now is focusing on the near future, saying, "I'm really looking forward to exploring and broadening my horizons."

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Multicultural Center. Dr. Drayton-Craig says that "the issues were contemporary and Dr. Richmond is passionate about them."

The Black Students Association chose Dean Karen Green to be the keynote speaker for the night. Dean Green emphasized in her speech to remember, celebrate, and act. She stressed the importance of being careful not to forget Dr. King's message because the past can often be repeated if we are forgetful. "I'm encouraging you to remember what it is that makes you who you are. If we are honest with one another we might discover that we have a lot more in common than we think," stated Dean Green. Dean Green encouraged students to use Dr. Martin Luther King day as an opportunity to serve others and step

outside the College bubble to help those who are far less fortunate than we are. The speech was then followed by a performance by InAcchord, who sang *Imagine* by John Lennon.

The Girls Next Door also performed during the event along with the Muhlenberg Gospel choir who sang three songs; *Trading My Sorrows, Love*, and *High and Lifted Up*. Dr. Drayton-Craig confirms that the event was a definite success despite the snow storm. Students stayed for the entire program and many expressed to her how meaningful the messages were about service, reflection, and the importance of sensitivity to our own attitudes and simple gestures. This was the fifteenth year that the College celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Day and Dr. Drayton-Craig expects another celebratory event like this one for next year.



Samuel Hayden '10 was the first to speak at the event. He read an anonymous poem about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Eric Thompson '10 and Demetrai Tate '10 sang "Love" along with the rest of the gospel choir.

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women in the film, whose mother, Clara Bell Duvall, died in 1929. Attie wanted to do something to spread the word about other people who had stories like Harwell's. The documentary is an excellent example of how an issue like abortion affects people from all walks of life.

While the GSA does not think of itself specifically as a pro-choice group, it felt the need to acknowledge this event due to the lack of a pro-choice group at the College. "Roe v. Wade is extremely important to the queer community, and the Muhlenberg GSA is proud to host this important 35 anniversary event. Reproductive choice is about the privacy for women to make their own decisions about their bodies, not much different than the fight for queer equality. This anniversary is both for the pro-choice community and the queer community. It is one fight," said Adrian Shanker '09, Co-president of the GSA.

This effort to raise awareness and spark activism towards reproductive freedom has been fueled by recent national, state, and local challenges. These challenges include increased federal funding of abstinence-only-until-marriage education, harassment of patients at local abortion clinics, and the Pennsylvania legislature's own postponement of a bill guaranteeing access to emergency contraception for victims of sexual assault.

"We at ACLU's Clara Bell

Duvall Reproductive Freedom Project believe that each person can make a difference. By coming together in honor of *Roe v. Wade*, we hope to empower many to strengthen their commitment to the rights guaranteed by the Constitution including the right to privacy," said Carol Petraitis, Director.

After the screening, Attie and Goldwater spoke to the audience and opened up a forum for members to ask questions and share any personal stories they may have had. A few of the many ideas, stories, and opinions brought forth during this time included the recent portrayal of women's options in movies such as "Juno", "Knocked Up", and "Waitress", and that the importance of political actions and activity cannot be stressed enough today.

When speaking with Arlene Daily, Community Affairs Director of Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania, she said that the scariest thing today regarding this issue is that younger generations have a harder time understanding why the fight for reproductive choice is so important. She conveyed that college and high school students take their reproductive freedoms for granted and do not realize that they have to keep fighting in order to keep the reproductive freedoms that women before them worked so hard to obtain.

Overall, the event and celebration was very successful, and Barbara Attie commented that she was very impressed by the turnout of the College.



Barbara Attie and Janet Goldwater screened their documentary *Motherless: A Legacy of Loss from Illegal Abortion* in Miller Forum on Tues., Jan. 22.

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Arlene Daily, Community Affairs Director of Planned Parenthood handed out information on the new location of Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania after the screening.

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 15 - Liquor Law - Two students from the third floor of Prosser Hall were found with underage consumption of alcohol. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 17 - Harassment - A student reported that another student was following her around campus and bothering her. This matter will be referred to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 18 - Liquor Law - A student was found with underage consumption of alcohol on the first floor of Prosser Hall. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 18 - Dispatch Code - Campus Safety stood by at 2411 Liberty Street while Residential Services spoke to a student who was no longer registered here at the

College. The student was told that he must take all of his belongings and leave campus immediately.

Jan. 18 - Theft - A purse was stolen from the ground floor of Haas. The purse has not been identified and there are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 18 - Theft - A wallet was stolen from the 2nd floor hallway of Trumbower. The wallet has not been identified and there are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 318 Albright Street.

Jan. 18 - Sick Student - A sick student was found on the first floor of Martin Luther Hall. He refused transport to the hospital.

Jan. 18 - Liquor Law - Two individuals were found with underage possession of alcohol outside of the east end of Benfer Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 18 - Liquor Law - Two individuals walking down N. 23rd Street were found with underage possession of alcohol.

Jan. 18 - Liquor Law - Three individuals were found with underage consumption of alcohol on the 2nd floor of Prosser Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 19 - Dispatch Code - A student who does not attend the College called Campus Safety because he was concerned about the welfare of his girlfriend. Campus Safety located the girl and had her contact her

boyfriend.

Jan. 19 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 2251 Turner Street.

Jan. 19 - Injured Student - A student injured her ankle in the field house of the Life Sports Center. She was transported to the Emergency Center.

Jan. 20 - Sick Student - A student from the first floor of F Hall of East Hall was found vomiting due to a stomach virus. She refused transportation to the hospital but was advised to call the Health Center if her sickness got worse.

Jan. 20 - Suspicious Activity - Campus Safety responded to an anonymous call about a possible drug deal outside of Benfer Hall.

They did not find any suspicious activity.

Jan. 20 - Liquor Law - Nine individuals were found with underage consumption of alcohol on the fourth floor of Walz Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 21 - Liquor Law - A student was found highly intoxicated on the second floor of Prosser Hall. The Allentown Police Department arrived and the student was arrested and given a citation for underage consumption of alcohol.

Jan. 22 - Flames/Smoke Visible - Smoke was seen coming out of a campus patrol car. The fire department arrived and disconnected the battery and the vehicle was towed to a repair shop.

WEEKLY

Life!

"A life without cause is a life without effect."

-Barbarella

The Kite Runner: reveals the true Afghanistan

By Michele Greenspan
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

The Kite Runner is definitely not a typical Saturday night movie but one that every college student should spend at least one Saturday night seeing.

The movie brought to life a world that one would never want to believe existed. Although the horrors of life under the Taliban are known to most people, having to sit through it is another experience entirely.

The Kite Runner, originally a book by Khaled Hosseini, lets readers look into a life and country that has recently been ignored, Afghanistan. The readers are taken on this trip

through the eyes of a young boy, Amir. Amir's family was relatively well off in Afghanistan and lived a comfortable life, but such a life under the Taliban is unlike anything viewers could have imagined.

Amidst the terror Amir has one thing that brings his father joy, Amir's ability as a kite runner. However, to continue this, Amir has to learn how to overcome all sorts of obstacles, from witnessing bullies torture his friend, Hassan, to learning how to adapt in America after fleeing Afghanistan.

As an adult Amir is required to return to Afghanistan in order to rectify mistakes that he made as a child. Once there, he learns that nothing remains of his childhood.

Instead, the country is consumed with fear and terror from the Taliban.

Overall, movie shows the graphic details of what life in modern day Afghanistan is really like: the brutal murders and the unbelievably unjust laws from which no one is safe. Each day is a fight for the citizens' lives and, unfortunately, for most, it is a fight they cannot win.

Director Marc Forster courageously puts images onto the screen of a life that most Americans do not want to think about. Forster displays Amir's life in a way that allows the viewers to feel for each character in the movie.

Sitting in the theater one feels as if one is on an emotional roller

coaster ride: feeling hatred, compassion and pure terror all jumbled together as one frighteningly overwhelming emotion.

Khalid Abdalla's portrayal of Amir allows the viewers to feel every emotion the Amir was feeling throughout the movie.

Although this movie may be too disturbing for those faint of heart, it is necessary to see in order to truly understand the pain that those trapped in Afghanistan have to endure every single day of their lives.

While hard to view, this movie can change one's perspective so radically that our racial and militaristic prejudices seem minute in comparison.

The best and worst films of 2007

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

1. Into the Wild

Sean Penn's epic adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling book, recreates the final adventure that Christopher Johnson McCandless takes, and the experiences surrounding it.

Emile Hirsh plays the title role of the college graduate who burns his life savings and sets off on a journey to escape conformity and discover a new life for himself.

While Mr. Hirsh's performance is magnetic, it is Hal Holbrook who steals the screen in one of the most memorable and heart-wrenching supporting performances of the last decade. Vince Vaughn, Catharine Keener and William Hurt all give very strong performances, making this film an instant classic.

2. No Country For Old Men

Many critics agree that *No Country For Old Men* is the Coen Brothers' best work since *Fargo*. Fresh off his success as the vile Detective Trupo in *American*

Gangster, Josh Brolin stars as a farmer who discovers \$2 million left behind in a drug deal gone wrong. Javier Bardem plays the psychopathic bounty hunter who religiously tracks down the stolen loot without concern for human life.

Tommy Lee Jones effortlessly slips into character as the world-weary sheriff trying to track down the two, but is always seemingly a step behind.

What follows is a trail of death and destruction which makes *No Country* an American cinema masterpiece. (Helpful hint: Reading the book by Cormac McCarthy will help to understand the underlying plot.)

3. Eastern Promises

Once again, David Cronenberg and Viggo Mortensen team up to create a suspenseful and deeply intricate movie. While not as good as their past film collaboration, *A History of Violence*, *Eastern Promises* is sure to keep the viewer involved as the film delves deeper into the Russian mob underworld.

Naomi Watts and Armen Mueller-Stahl deliver very strong

supporting performances while Vincent Cassel has breakthrough performance as a complex mafia member. Though there is not a lot of killing, this movie contains one of the most difficult fight scenes to watch and combined with the difficult and painful subject matter, makes this a very emotionally draining movie to sit through.

4. Rescue Dawn

Visionary director Werner Herzog's adaptation of a documentary he made about a German pilot flying for the US Navy who was shot down and captured in the early stages of the Vietnam war is a triumphant and truly inspiring movie.

Christian Bale takes on the challenging role of Lt. Dieter Dengler and adds to his reputation as an actor willing to assume the most demanding and punishing roles offered. Because of their willingness to push themselves, Mr. Herzog and Mr. Bale continue to command great respect amongst their peers and fans alike.

Their collaboration makes this movie a must see for people who

want to experience a film that is a testament to the dedication of certain filmmakers and actors.

5. Superbad

Superbad is yet another success from the Judd Apatow comedy machine. Coming off his success with films such as *The 40 Year Old Virgin* and *Knocked Up*, producer Judd Apatow takes on the very, funny yet true subject of teen sexual angst.

Seth and Evan are best friends who are given a final opportunity to lose their virginity at a party. There is one problem though, they need to get alcohol. What follows is a hilarious journey that while funny, has a deeper message to young viewers...don't rush to grow up.

BOMB OF THE YEAR

The Heartbreak Kid

If you haven't seen the original movie with Charles Grodin, you've missed a very nice and enjoyable movie. If you haven't seen this Farrelly Brothers' remake...I envy you. STAY AWAY. Not only is this movie not funny, it will leave you feeling quite disgusting.

Jack and Jill went up the hill...

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

Jack and Jill were high school sweethearts. He was captain of the football team, she was head cheerleader. He was tall, dark, and handsome; she was the blue-eyed, blond haired bombshell. By the time prom rolled around, Jack and Jill decided that it was time to take their relationship to the next level. Time to hand over their V-Cards.

Nicely sloshed off of some watermelon Smirnoff they bought off of Jack's twenty-two year old cousin Greg and the half bottle of Ballatore Jill found in the back of her mom's closet, the two love birds stumbled into the hotel room they had booked for the night.

Jill walked to the dresser to light some vanilla lavender scented candles. When she turned around a second later, Jack was only a foot from the still-open door, but already his pants were down around his ankles.

Jill's eyes moved to the

exposed doorway. As Jack leaned his leg back to kick the door shut, he tripped on his pants, subsequently falling into Jill, pushing her back against the dresser.

This jostled the vanilla lavender scented candle, causing it to topple over onto Jill's hot pink taffeta prom dress. In her drunken state, Jill mistook Jack's cries of "You're on fire!" as a compliment to her beauty. It wasn't until she smelled the burning fabric that she realized it was actually her dress that was on fire, and things weren't looking up for this fairy tale loss of virginity.

You see where we're going with this. Jack had trouble getting the condom on, Jill passed out half way through, and they both spent the rest of the night sleeping next to the toilet on the cold hotel bathroom floor. They broke up the next day.

In everyone's (well, every girl's) fantasy, losing your virginity is all rose petals, love, and Boys II Men's "I'll Make Love to

You" playing in the background. In reality, the boy won't be able to get it in, the girl will cry in agony, and your mom will find the condom wrapper two days later, leading to a very uncomfortable conversation about how a baby will ruin your life and no boy will ever want you now and for God's sake, don't make the same mistakes that she did. Not that she doesn't love your big brother.

Ok, maybe it's not quite that bad, but we all have our first time stories.

Whether it be to a Moroccan visiting the States or a hillbilly who drives a tow truck for a living (not that there's anything wrong with that), the first time is always memorable.

At the time it can be awkward and embarrassing, but these are the stories you tell your girlfriends over cocktails or your frat brothers over a keg.

Sex is awkward enough as it is, it's best to be realistic about the first time.

Condoms smell, strange noises can happen when two sweaty bodies are pressed against each other, and it will take a good portion of the next day trying to untangle the knots from your hair.

For all you horny boys who had spent the better part of your teenage years watching free porn on-line, you got a reality check when you noticed the lack of ecstatic female screams and the minutes on your bedside clock not changing. Trust us, your clock wasn't broken.

The summer after freshman year, Jack and Jill returned home from college both slightly more experienced. One lonely night they decided to meet up and give it another shot.

They drove Jack's Honda Civic to the back of the mall parking lot and hopped in the back seat. A minute and a half later, Jack was driving Jill home.

"That's never happened to me before, I swear," Jack said, not looking Jill in the eye.

"That's ok, it happens to lots of guys."

Jill was lying.

LOVE
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE ON A COLD DAY?



"A skinny, sugar free vanilla latte."

- Jessica Alex, '09



"A Starbucks mocha latte."

- Greg Paradis, '09



"A vanilla steamer."

- Abby Karasick, '09



"A chai tea with chocolate."

- Anna Treichler, '10



"Hot apple cider."

- Laura Prigoff, '10

Compiled by Esme Mazzeo

AMC Weekend Listings



The Bucket List

Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 10:10
Sat. 4:15, 7:00, 10:10
Sun. 2:30, 4:15, 7:00

Cloverfield

Fri. 5:40, 8:15, 10:30
Sat. 5:40, 8:15, 10:30
Sun. 5:40, 8:15, 10:30

Meet the Spartans

Fri. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Sat. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Sun. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

27 Dresses

Fri. 4:10, 7:20, 10:10
Sat. 4:10, 7:20, 10:10
Sun. 4:10, 7:20, 10:10

Untraceable

Fri. 4:40, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:40, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 4:40, 7:10, 10:00

Rambo

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:20, 7:00, 10:30
Sun. 5:20, 8:00, 10:30

Alvin and the Chipmunks

Fri. 12:20, 2:50, 5:15
Sat. 12:20, 2:50, 5:15
Sun. 12:20, 2:50, 5:15

National Treasure: Book of Secrets

Fri. 4:00, 6:50, 9:45
Sat. 4:00, 6:50, 9:45
Sun. 4:00, 6:50, 9:45

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Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Britney Spears Update:

Britney Spears continues to make headlines following her custody meltdown, in which she refused to give her children to K-Fed's bodyguard, leading to an eventual hospital stay. Following Spears' detainment at the hospital she began dating paparazzi photographer, Adnan Ghalib.

Despite the rumors that Adnan was selling their pictures, and setting up photo ops with his agency, it became believed that the two were engaged and possibly trying for a baby, yet it is now known that the two have parted ways. It is also rumored that Spears felt so betrayed by Adnan that she placed a restraining order on him.

Oddly, following these rumors Spears continued her outlandish behavior by inviting random paparazzi to come party at her house. The paparazzi photographers claimed to have stayed until 6am when they told her that they had to leave, and she begged them to stay.

In more pleasant news, Spears finally showed up for the deposition of her custody battle, and sat for more than two hours. This was very impressive after Spears failed to attend many depositions, and showed up excessively late to others.

Baby News:

Singer Christina Aguilera gave birth to a son with husband Jordan Bratman, on Saturday January 12th at 10:05 pm. The singer, and her music executive husband welcomes Max Liron Bratman, who was 20.5 inches long and weighed in at 6 lbs., 2 oz. to their family. The couple have been married for over two years now.

Nicole Richie and Joel Madden had a baby girl on Friday January Eleventh. The girl, who weighed 6lbs., 7oz. is named, Harlow Winter Kate Madden. The couple's rep released a statement saying, "The beautiful, healthy baby girl is home with her ecstatic parents." Joel also blogged on his website about the birth and stated that his daughter looks just like girlfriend and mother of the baby, Nicole.

Actor Matthew McConaughey confirmed that his girlfriend, Camilla Alves, is three months pregnant. The actor released a statement in which he said, "My girlfriend Camila and I made a baby together," McConaughey wrote on his site. "It's 3 months grown in her womb and all looks healthy and lively so far...we are stoked and wowed by this miracle of creation and this gift from God, and so excited for the adventure that will come in raising this child, being a mother and a father, and [shepherding] him or her through this life."

Lily Allen, the twenty-two year

old British singer has suffered a miscarriage. The star recently confirmed the pregnancy with boyfriend, thirty-seven year old Ed Simons. Her rep released a statement confirming the sad news. "We can confirm that has suffered a miscarriage. She and her partner, Ed Simons, will be making no further comment and we ask that their privacy be respected during this difficult time."

Sex and the City actor, Chris Noth, and girlfriend, Tara Wilson, welcomed a son last Friday. The boy's name is Orion Christopher Noth, and weighed 7lbs. 10oz. A rep for the pair released a statement saying, "I am happy to confirm that Chris Noth and Tara Wilson are the proud parents of a happy and healthy baby boy."

Current Events:

British Singer Amy Winehouse has been caught on video smoking crack. In the same video she goes on to snort ecstasy, cocaine, and take several Valium to bring her down, as she claims in the video.

The video, which was released by the British newspaper, "The Sun," is quite reminiscent of the Kate Moss cocaine video that was exposed years ago. This video continues to spur fears for the young singer, who has been battling drugs and alcohol for quite some time now.

Actor Kiefer Sutherland has been released from California's Glendale

City Jail. Unlike many other celebrities, the actor served his entire forty-two day sentence after being convicted for his second DUI. Sutherland checked into the jail on December 5, 2007 spending the holidays there, as well as his birthday. During his time in jail, he was said to be very cooperative and helpful, especially in the laundry department.

Zac Efron, who underwent an emergency apendectomy this past week, has seems to have recovered, and was seen back at work on the set of his movie.

Dr. Phil, who received backlash from the Spears family after visiting Britney in jail, and making a statement about her condition has commented on this, but refuses to apologize to the Spears family for visiting Britney.

The celebrity doctor says that he is just sorry that he made a statement about it. Many were surprised that he had visited the star in the hospital but were even surprised that the Spears family was upset with him, as it was rumored that they had actually sent him to check on her, and help her.

Amidst all of this chaos, it was rumored that Jamie Lynn Spears, Britney's sixteen year old sister, had suffered a miscarriage, but this has been denied, saying that she is still in fact pregnant, and seems to be doing well.

Eat, Pray, Love, Read

By Esme Mazzeo
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

While eating should be pretty high up on everyone's "to do" list, and love should always be a welcome addition, the issue of prayer is a sensitive one in this country. For this reason, one might be hesitant to pick up a title called "Eat, Pray, Love" no matter what list it tops.

However, Elizabeth Gilbert captures the reader's attention from the very first line of the her novel, gripping you within an enthralling story that does not let it go until the very end, and she makes one question their priorities in life and reexamine exactly what is important and why.

In her memoir, Gilbert relives a journey she took to Italy, India, and Indonesia in order to pursue desire, spirituality and a balance between the two.

Her story starts with heartbreak so severe she is compelled to pray to a God she has never spoken to before, and ends in Indonesia, with balance. Here the power of prayer is tested, along with a determination and willingness for one to make her life work in this new place.

Along this ambitious trip, she meets Richard, a middle aged man from Texas in an ashram in India, and regrets her vow of celibacy when she meets Giovanni, her language teacher and student, in Italy. Thus, she is tested once again, as priorities shift and reshape.

Each person Elizabeth meets teaches her an inspiring lesson which she relates to the reader with humor and incredible insight. The reader will begin to question his or her own life, and whether, he or she is too complacent and safe. Perhaps a little change is good - introspection is good for the soul. The reader will be amazed by the transformation the author makes from a young woman searching for answers on her bathroom floor to a woman at peace.

At the risk of sounding cliché, one does not have to spend a dime to travel the world with Elizabeth Gilbert, nor grow into a stronger, more experienced person along the way.

This book is highly recommended to anyone with questions about life, love, their personal place in the world, the pursuit of happiness, as well as anyone interesting in seeking a new world perspective.

Write for Life!

"Life is a highway...
I wanna write for it all
night long..."

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WOMENS B-BALL

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of the Centennial Conference tournament, so the Mules started off 2008 looking for revenge. The Mules were able to find it with a 67-60 win led by Boyle with 21 points and 6 assists and Bates who had 18 points and 8 rebounds. The Mules were ready to go back on the road and get one more before classes resumed.

The Mules hopped on the bus and traveled to historic Gettysburg College where they handed the Bullets a 76-57 loss. Once again, the tandem of Boyle and McKeon led the Mules. Boyle scored 22 points and gave out 10 assists as McKeon scored 19 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. The Mules welcomed back classes with a 9-3 record and looked forward to finishing strong and going for another Centennial Conference title.

Last week, the Mules started classes and a three-game week. First the team played out of their Conference for the last time and played Ramapo. The Mules put together a great team effort and beat their opponent 70-44. The blow-out victory saw Boyle score 15 points and McKeon lead the team with 4 assists. However, it also gave lesser-known players like sophomore Alyssa Scaglione (who had a team high 5 rebounds) an opportunity to play substantial minutes and contribute to the win. The Mules got out to a 14-3 lead and never looked back, going ahead by as much as 32 at one point and giving themselves a good start to a long three road-game week.

Next the Mules took the trip down to Baltimore, Maryland to take on the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. The Mules made the trip on a Thursday night for

the weekend game and showed the Blue Jays that they were the real deal in the Centennial Conference. The Mules got out to a 17-11 lead and kept it the rest of the way despite Blue Jay efforts in the second half. The Mules held strong and came away with the 67-52 win. The Mules were led by McKeon's career-high 22 points. She also grabbed a team high 8 rebounds. The Mules got scoring out of Boyle who put in 16 points.

After a 2-0 start to the three road games, the Mules traveled to Lancaster to take on the Franklin & Marshall Diplomats. The Mules were hoping to sweep the week and show the Conference that they would be a tough team to beat anywhere they played. The Mules started the first half strong but gave up an 11-0 run in the first half and trailed 33-29. The second half proved to be a continuation of the end of the first half as the Diplomats built up a double-digit lead and were able to maintain a safe distance the rest of the way. The final score was 75-60 as the Mules finished their week 2-1. The Mules were led with their inside scoring, receiving 14 points from Bates and 12 points from McSherry who also led them with 7 rebounds. Boyle scored 9 points and led the Mules with 5 assists before fouling out of the game. However, Sarah Meisenberg of the Diplomats proved to be too much as she scored 33 points in the victory.

The Mules have another tough week ahead of them. They play three more times this week. However, only one of those games is on the road against Conference-leading Dickinson. Hopefully they can improve on their 11-4 record and move up in the standings in their drive towards another Centennial Conference title.

Men's Basketball suffers a pair of heartbreakers

By Matthew Howard
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

For many of the Muhlenberg Men's Basketball players, the triple overtime loss to Johns Hopkins seemed to be as heartbreaking a loss as they had suffered all year. Though they may have been right at the time, only four days later the Mules suffered an equally deflating loss, this time at the hands of Franklin & Marshall.

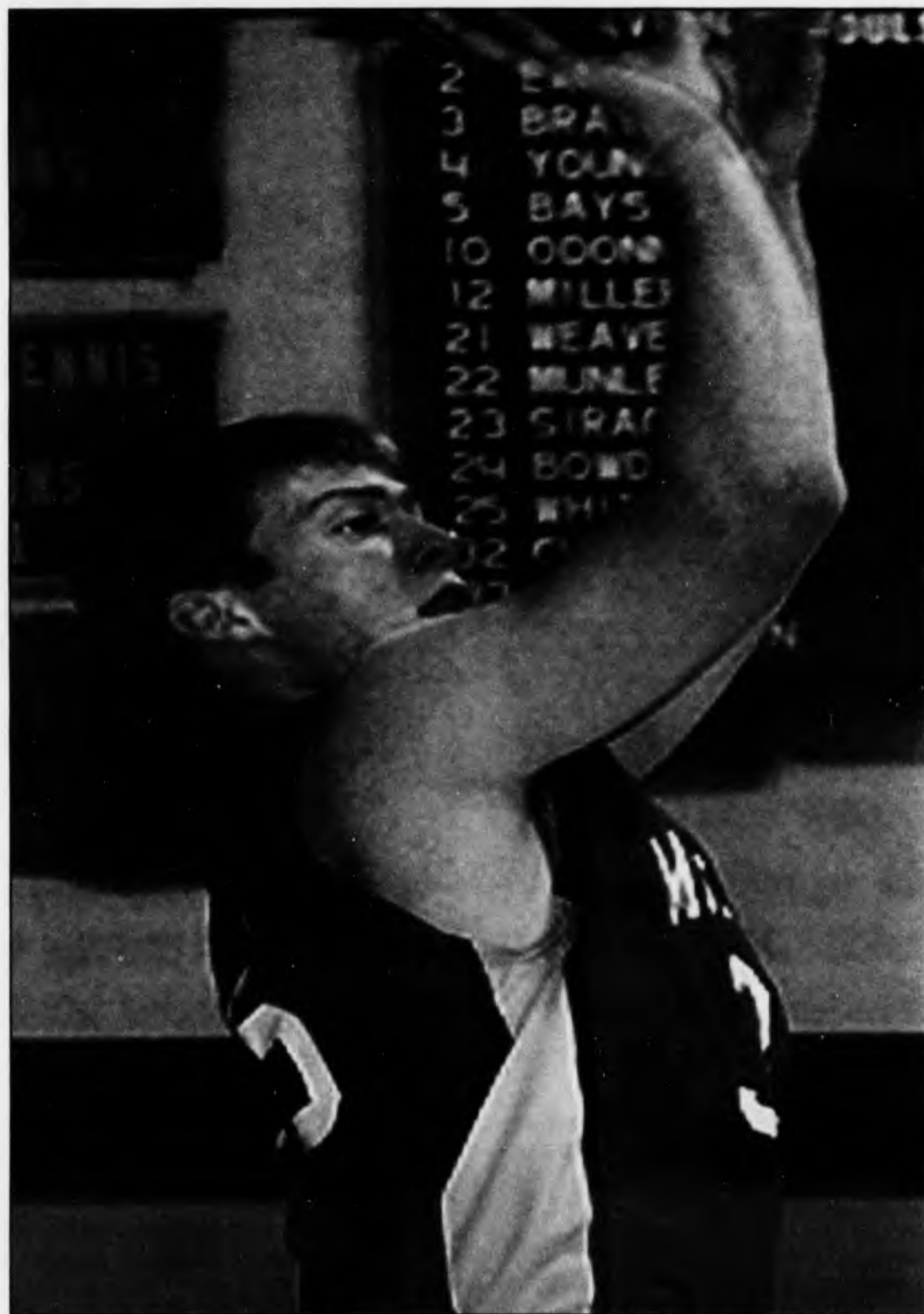
Last Wednesday the Mules (6-9 4-4) played in a triple-overtime game for the fifth time in their history. Unfortunately, the result didn't differ from the previous four 3OT thrillers as they fell 100-91. The Mules gave it their all as they provided a number of final second heroics. With 18 seconds remaining and the Mules down by three, junior Darrell Roth hit a three-pointer to knot the game at 66.

Then, in the first overtime, junior Mike Bernardini tipped in a lob pass which not only tied the game but fell through the net as the buzzer sounded, sending the Muhlenberg bench into a frenzy and the game into a second overtime.

Without question, the

momentum that was generated by the Bernardini shot carried into the second overtime as the Mules scored 7 points in the first minute. Unfortunately, the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins came back strong and hit a game-tying three-pointer with only 12 seconds remaining and the game progressed into a third overtime. The Mules still had a chance with 2 minutes remaining and trailing by only 1, but a pair of free-throws and a three-pointer from the Blue Jays seemed to crush whatever life was left in the Mules. Some other positives that came out of the loss were that sophomore Obi Nwizugbo with 19 points, junior Chris Macintosh with 12 and Bernardini with 34 all notched career-highs.

On Saturday, the Mules traveled to Franklin & Marshall and, once again played their hearts out. With 4:33 to go in the game the Mules held a 4-point lead. But the fatigue from Wednesday's game set in and the Diplomats scored the last 7 points of the game. Bernardini's 18 points led the Mules for third straight game.

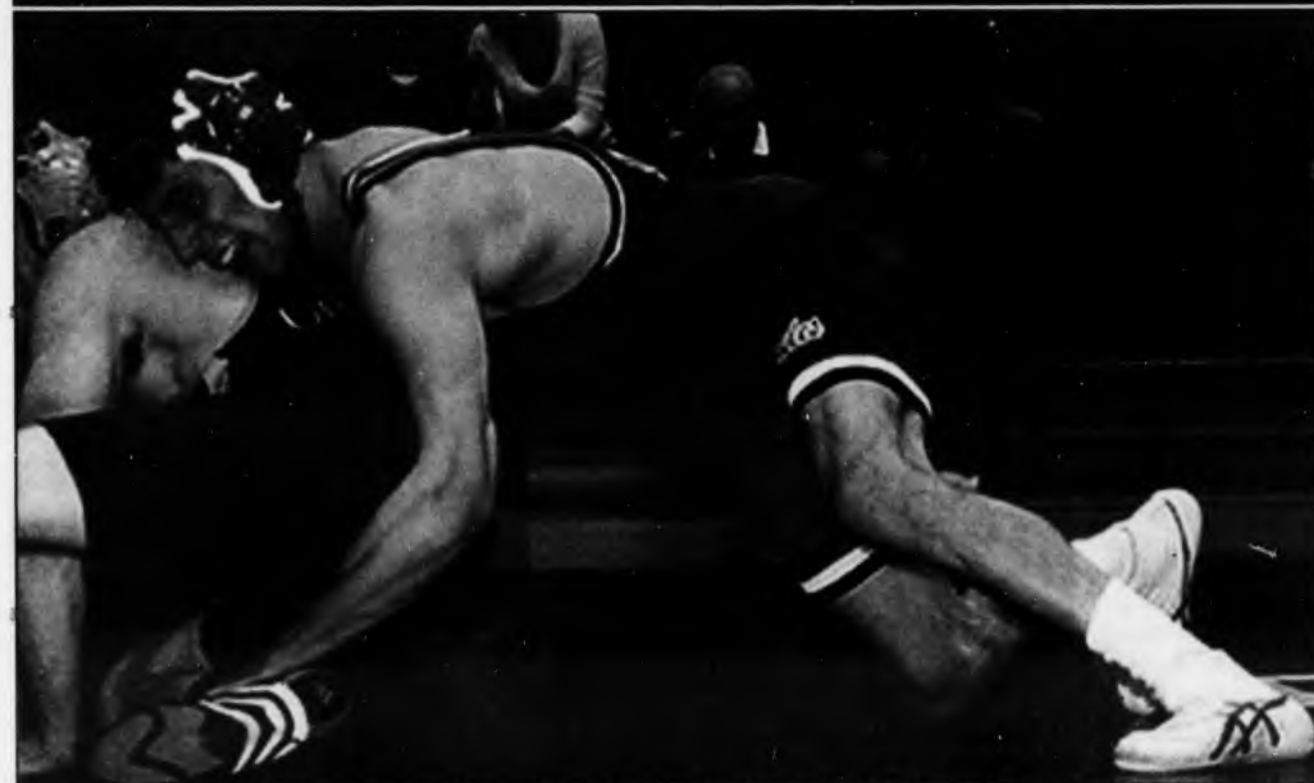
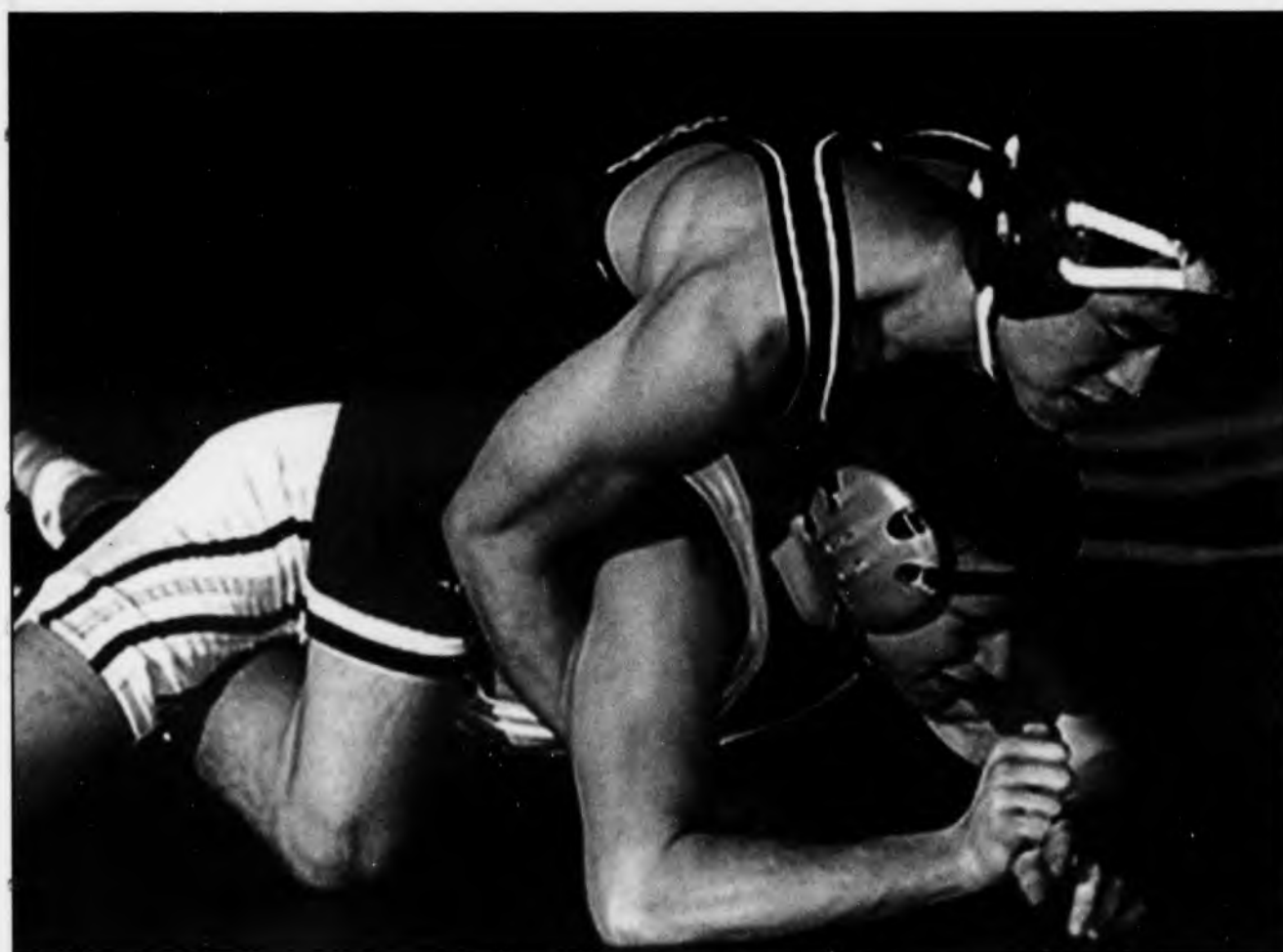


Senior Greg Pask was recently named to the Scholar-Athlete Team. He and his teammates have suffered tough losses this season.

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Wrestling Team

goes 2-3



Junior Dan McEnroy (top) pinned his opponent from Scranton and senior Joe DeCampo (bottom) won his match against Gettysburg.

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Wrestling Team won two of their three meets this week. Having beaten Scranton (42-9) on Wed. the Mules came out on top of Gettysburg (37-12), but ended with a loss to Johns Hopkins.

The College's Wrestling Team got back to practice on New Year's Day. They wrestled two tournaments and two other matches before classes even began. It is clear that the team's hard work is paying off. This Wed. the College played host to a meet with Scranton. The matches started out strong with pins in the lowest weight classes by junior Dan McEnroy (125 lbs.) and freshman Michael Slevin (133 lbs.). Junior Billy Hall won a close match (4-3) at 141 lbs.

Junior Rob Kein, ranked 7th in Division III, pinned his opponent in just over a minute. The 174 pounder and junior Justin Fitch won by major decision (11-3). The meet ended strong with another three wins. Junior Matt Horn (184 lbs.) pinned his opponent in 1:08. Next, a big win came from freshman Bill Sholly by tech fall. To close the team's strong performance, senior heavyweight Joe Tartar won with a pin.

"Coming off a strong win against Scranton gave the team confidence for Saturday's matches," said senior Co-Captain David Lavin. The team did carry momentum into their meet against Gettysburg. At 165 lbs. he, like Kein, went 2-0 against Gettysburg and Johns Hopkins on Sat. Senior Co-Captain Joe DeCampo (141 lbs) won by major decision against Gettysburg. Kein beat another nationally ranked wrestler with a 6-4 decision. Fitch and Horn both pinned opponents leading the team to a 37-12 victory over Gettysburg.

The team's streak of confidence ended with the meet against host Johns Hopkins. But it was not without some highlights. Hall won by major decision (9-1). Kein, Lavin, and Tartar all won by decision. Clearly the extra practice is paying off and the work in the wrestling room is showing in competition. "I'm motivated to be a better person on and off the mat," stated Horn.

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Faust and her teammates run down the competition

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It's a new year and a new season for the Muhlenberg Track and Field Team. On Sat., Jan. 12, the Mules competed at the Franklin & Marshall Coach "I" Invitational to open their season. Taking on only two other teams, Franklin & Marshall and Albright, the Mules had a promising start to the 2008 season, with sophomore Alex Faust in the spotlight as she qualified for the NCAAAs.

Last season, Faust set the school record in the pole vault, only to shatter it already this season with a height of 11-7. Faust found similar success in the 55 meters, the 200 meters, and as a part of the 4X400 relay team. Other first-place finishers were freshman Kim Bier and sophomores Jeremiah Lachaud and Brendan Kirk. Kirk won the 55 hurdles with a time of 8:51.

The Mules rested up for a week, gearing up for the Collegeville Classic on Fri., Jan. 18. The Women finished sixth, and the Men finished eleventh out of 14 total teams. Freshman Hanna Mitchell came in second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:28.63, earning her a spot on the all-time performance list. Sophomore Lauren Conicella placed fourth in the 800 meters. Bier ran the mile in 5:35.16, placing her eighth on the performance list. In the high jump, senior Erika Koop placed fourth, and sophomore Debra Crockett also placed fourth in the shot put.

As for the Men's Team, junior Timothy Van Syckle finished the mile in 4:29.98. Sophomore Patrick Thornton crossed the finish line right behind him with a time of 4:33.28. Senior Adam Carter placed fourth in the high jump, and junior Evan Sheppard had a strong showing in the shot put.

Next up for the Mules is the Muhlenberg Invitational this Fri., Jan. 25.

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Junior Evan Sheppard hit a distance of 41-8 3/4 at Ursinus' Collegeville Classic.

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Mules start the season off on the right hoof

By Joshua Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Women's Basketball Team had just lost their Centennial Conference opener and the new system did not appear to be working as well as Coach Ron Rohn had hoped it would. So the team had a slight change in style and made itself known as a Conference power to three intra-Conference foes and two local rivals. First the Mules traveled down 476 to Haverford College where they won 78-63 behind junior Lauren Boyle's 20 points, 8 rebounds and 5 steals. They also received a solid contribution from freshman point guard Kelly McKeon who had 9 points, 5 assists and 5 steals. These two players have quickly become Muhlenberg's star duo.

The Mules would then return home to face local rival DeSales University. The Mules would hand the visitors their first loss of the season, 67-63, receiving 22 points from Boyle including 2 free-throws with 50 seconds left to put the Mules up for good. Boyle also led the team in assists with 5 and tied point guard McKeon in rebounds with 6. The Mules' victory over an undefeated veteran team gave them some early season confidence.

The Mules would then return to Centennial Conference play and host the Diplomats of Franklin & Marshall. The Mules looked to get above .500 in

league play and received another helpful hand from McKeon who contributed 11 points, 6 assists and 10 rebounds in her first career start. The Mules offense was really clicking with three other players in double figures led by Boyle with 20, second-year player Alexis Bates with 15 and fellow sophomore Kaitlyn O'Malley with 11. The Mules also got a great rebounding effort from junior Erin McSherry with 12. The offense fueled the 72-59 victory.

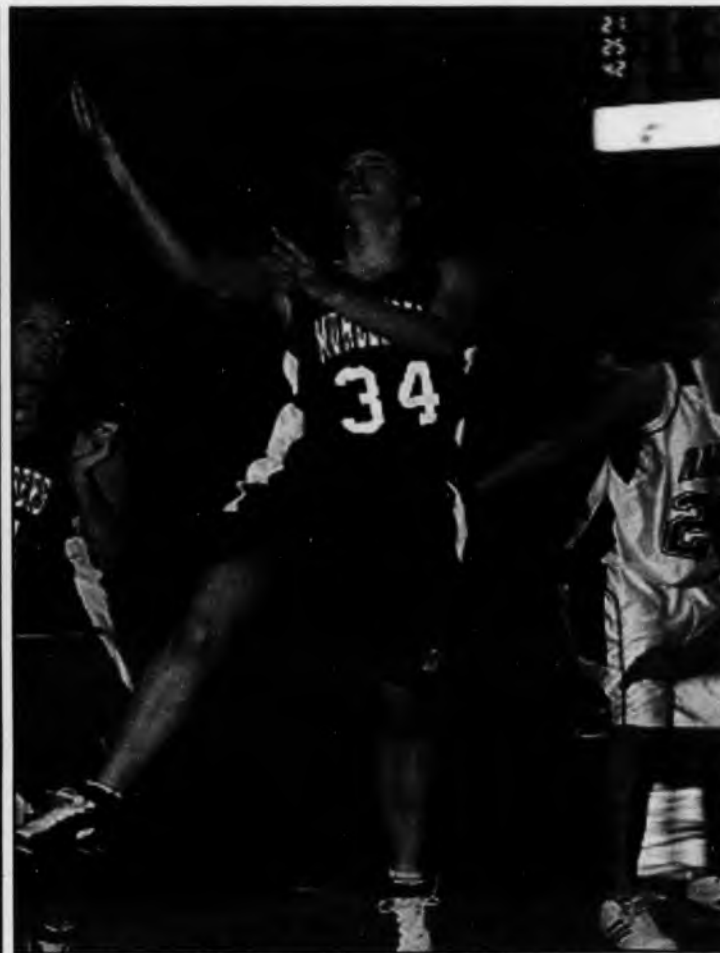
The Mules finished up their pre-Christmas Conference schedule with a home game against Swarthmore. After some great scoring games from Boyle, the Mule wing was held in check with only 6 points. But an all-around team effort helped the Mules to finish 2007 with a 3-1 record in the Centennial Conference. The Mules received solid efforts from players like seniors Abra Like and Michelle Feldman who had 4 assists and 9 points respectively. They also received double figures from both O'Malley and junior Kaitlin Strumph, and got another solid performance out of McKeon who led the team with 8 rebounds and 5 assists.

The Mules would end 2007 by splitting games against Moravian and St. Elizabeth. The game against Moravian went to double overtime before the Mules bowed out in a hard-fought local rivalry game. This game saw

McKeon and Boyle carry the scoring load, scoring 20 and 19 points respectively. Freshman forward Sheila Cook grabbed 10 rebounds. The game against St. Elizabeth went a little better for the Mules as they won 70-41. The Mules were led by sophomore Maiza Mock with 12 points and Boyle with 7 rebounds.

The New Year came and the Muhlenberg Women's Team arrived back in Allentown to play another non-Conference game, this time against Alvernia. The Mules continued to win as they pulled this one out by 6 points, 78-72. Boyle and McKeon led the way again with 17 and 16 points respectively and Sheila Cook added a double double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. The Mules were now ready to take on last year's regular season champs, the McDaniel Green Terror.

The Mule's season ended last year with a loss to McDaniel in the first round



Senior guard Abra Like (Left) brings the ball down the court, and junior Kaitlin Strumph (right) drives to the basket against Ramapo.

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Red, white, and purple

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Mon., Jan 28 was President Bush's last State of the Union address, ever. In recognition of this event, Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) and the College Democrats (Dems) teamed up to host a group viewing of the address in the Red Door. When asked about the origination and unusual partnership of groups for this event, Bari Lasky '10, Advocacy Chair for CAC said, "The American Cancer Society (ACS), CAC's parent organization, likes CAC to hold one event per month for each of the pillars of the club (advocacy, survivorship, mission delivery). One of ACS's suggestions for this month was to have a State of the Union watch party. I loved the idea and decided to put it together. When thinking of publicity, I thought that it would be nice to have some of the more politically active people on campus join us and spoke to Adrian Shanker, Vice President of the College Democrats."

What is most unlikely about these two groups coming together for a mutual event is that CAC is a non-partisan group; however, regardless of political agendas,

members of both organizations shared an interest in what the President had to say on Mon. night. Hosting the State of the Union address is not an annual tradition for the College Dems, but they were proud to co-host along with CAC. "This State of the Union is particularly important as it is Bush's last one, and for that we are celebrating," said Shanker.

On the night of the address the College Dems were raring to go with State of the Union bingo cards for anyone wishing to play along with Bush's speech, and a laptop was hooked up to a live blog so that they could share their thoughts and receive feedback with other Democratic supporters. Following the President's speech, CAC called into a conference call that ACS was holding to discuss the implications that Bush's projections hold for healthcare. Due to ACS's charter status it cannot lobby or hold politicians accountable for their voting records.

Fortunately, for ACS, the

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Christina Harkness '08 gets her hand painted purple by Laura Cunningham '10 to add to show her support for Colleges Against Cancer and Relay for Life.

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Future possibilities for Student Union



Possible renovations to Seegers Union may include: an nicer facade from the rear of the building, a better loading dock, and a renovated eating area.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

There have been some preliminary discussions about expansion and renovation to Seegers Union. As of now the College is in the very early stages of pre-production and has assigned David Rabold, Capital Projects Manager of Plant Operations, to begin the architectural selection process. Approximately eighteen Requests For Information were sent out to different architects before Christmas Break.

The architects responded, and over break a committee comprised of Glenn Gerchman, Director of Student Union & Campus Events, David Rabold, and Mike Brewer, Director of Plant Operations, along with several senior staff read over the applications and narrowed them down to four different architects.

The Seegers Student Advisory Board was then invited to participate in the selection

process and went to several presentations given by the architects.

Once an architect is finally selected, the College will then go into a three month planning phase. During this time there will be surveys and focus groups run by the architect which will get some feedback about what others on campus feel needs to be changed about Seegers. Adrian Shanker '09 believes that "the student union is absolutely in need of renovations. I think the biggest need is bigger space for student organizations."

He also believes that the student body often expresses a need for increased student space and new eating and lounge areas. Glenn Gerchman agrees that because

The kitchen has become obsolete and needs to be improved to meet the College's current needs. The kitchen renovation may end up affecting the Garden Room and GQ, which may be relocated and expanded.

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THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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We think we know, but we have no idea

We stated in last week's editorial that the campus should try becoming more involved. While we still stand by that, we decided to acknowledge the idea that action for the sake of action is not worth it. While going through the top news photos of the day, we were struck by just how much is going on in the world right at this very moment: the deaths of prominent religious leaders, the growing tensions around the now demolished Gaza-Egypt border, as well as the many tribal and civil wars that are raging throughout Africa, and we realized that we were unaware of the majority of these events happening.

President Bush's final State of the Union Address, for example, certainly was a rude awakening. Over the last few years, we have undoubtedly heard of all these issues, but how much do we really know? Our attention is both grabbed and lost by the words and issues that seem so familiar, and yet so abstract. We know we should care, and we do, but how much of that is pressure from what we hear? Our parents have molded our beliefs throughout the years, and their influences can hardly be avoided (and they probably shouldn't be). But now that we live here, away from home, it becomes difficult to know which beliefs are ours, and which we know are popular and therefore take to be right.

The constant Bush bashing that we see on posters and television has created an atmosphere of uniformity. Whether they are justified or not isn't the issue. What matters is the way we conform. There will always be the alpha male or alpha female who decides what is worth standing for, and there will always be those (ourselves included) who jump on the bandwagon, not wishing to be left behind. We are not doubting that the Student Body has much knowledge of politics and current events, but we are also concerned about the pattern of followers who are so uniformed that they latch on to popular opinions and nothing more.

It is not about being a revolutionary – or making the entire world aware of these events, truly, it is about caring and wanting to know what is going on. By taking a second to slow down and look at how much is going on in the world, you may find yourself with a brand new perspective. Because as Thomas Paine said, "We have it in our power to begin the world over again."

Taking a pregnant pause

By Avivah Furman
ASST. OP/ED EDITOR

In 2008, it was reported that nearly half of all pregnancies are accidental. Four out of every ten of these unintentional pregnancies are terminated by abortion. Fifty percent of these women obtaining abortions are under the age of twenty five; women aged twenty to twenty four secure thirty-three percent of all abortions, while teenagers acquire seventeen percent. However, the number of abortions in this country is on a steady decline since 1981. What could be the cause of this regression?

On January 22, Muhlenberg's Gay-Straight Alliance, The Allentown Women's Center, Planned Parenthood of Northeast PA, and Duvall Reproductive Freedom Project of the ACLU-PA sponsored a celebration of the thirty fifth anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. A screening of "Motherless" was shown prior to a heated question and answer section. The filmmakers

and activists for "Motherless" pointed a finger at current media, which discourages and ignores the possibility of abortion. Films like "Juno" and "Knocked Up" depict their strong, amiable female characters cowering in the face of abortion. The thought of killing this living thing inside them is sickening and out of the question. So, they go on to have their babies and everything turns out all right, regardless of their companionship, age, or socioeconomic state.

Yet, what about those who face the reality of raising a child with little to no resources? Those single mothers left to fend for themselves in a harsh world? The media does little to comfort them when they hit reality and even less to educate them before they find themselves being called 'mommy'. Seventy-five percent of media in 1999-2000 contained sexual acts. Out of this seventy-five, only fifteen percent men-

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By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

What's all the buzz about February 5 – referred to, this year, as "Super Tuesday?" It has nothing to do with Mardi gras (which happens to fall on the same date). And no, it's not related to this Sunday's Super Bowl XLII game... for the most part.

"Super Tuesday," when you're talking politics, refers to the Tuesday in early February or March of an election year featuring the greatest number of states holding primary elections. (A primary is a preliminary election conducted within a party to select its candidates.) This year, twenty four states will be participating – including New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, home states to over sixty percent of Muhlenberg students.

This year's record number of participating states makes February 5 the largest "Super Tuesday" event to date – and earns it the new media title of Super Duper Tuesday. It is an essential day for any candidate seeking the presidency, as they must do well to earn their party's nomination. Overall, the Democratic nominee needs 2,025 delegate votes, and the Republican needs 1,191. Candidates this month have turned their campaigning focus to the mass media, utilizing TV advertising to reach out to voters before Super Tuesday's critical primaries.

The *New York Times* estimates that the campaigns of Democratic hopefuls Hilary Clinton and Barack Obama are each churning out \$2 million on TV ads. And what better time to advertise than on Super Bowl Sunday, just two days before Super Tuesday? It was questioned if candidates would pay the near \$3 million fee for a Bowl commercial spot, and rightly so: four Super Tuesday states (NY, NJ, CT, and MA) are home to a large fan-base of this year's football contenders, the New York Giants and New England Patriots. As of last week, FOX had just one thirty-second slot left for the coveted night of commercials.

Will Super Bowl viewers see political candidates in the usual line-up of Budweiser, Pepsi, and Fed-Ex "So easy, a caveman can do it!" commercials? It's doubtful – FOX nixed the idea this week, declaring that it would not sell spots to any of the candidates.

So as you're winding down from this weekend's big game, keep an eye on the news on February 5. Many candidates claim roots to the surplus of Super Tuesday states. Mitt Romney (R) is the former governor of MA. Former First Lady Clinton is a NY senator, and Giuliani (R) will be campaigning in the city where he was mayor during the traumatic events of September 11. Will Republicans in Arkansas heart Huckabee, their former governor? Will Chicago-based senator Obama fair well with Democrats in Illinois? It may not be as exciting as Super Bowl Sunday – but Super Tuesday is definitely an event worth following.

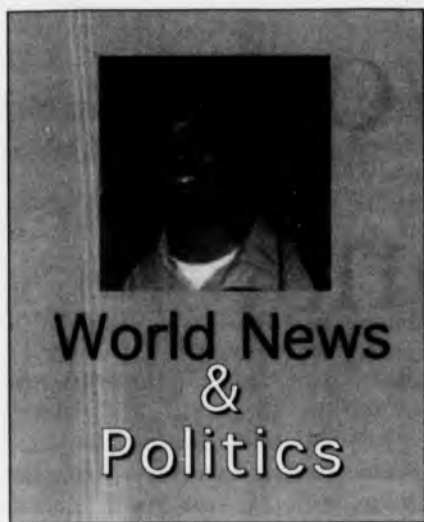
tion the notion of waiting, protection, or consequences. Sexual acts appear once every four minutes on network TV, and "ninety eight percent of all [that]sexual content [shows] no subsequent physical consequences". Eighty-five percent of sexual behavior within the media is depicted free of bothersome lasting "emotional impact," reports the Center for Media and Public Affairs. When was the last time a smoldering leading man stopped in the middle of a steamy love scene to ask if his partner was on birth control, or slip on a condom?

Teens learn little more lessons about sex in public schools, where eighty six percent of schools are required to encourage simply abstinence. While twenty percent of northeastern public schools preach only abstinence, over half of southern school districts are instructed to teach an abstinence-only policy.

Ironically, it is these schools who are strictly taught abstinence that have the highest incidences of teen pregnancy. Clearly, 'just say no' isn't working.

Teen pregnancy stats are declining, despite teens poor sexual education. With the fairly recent release of the Morning After pill, some speculate on a correlation between the fall in abortion rates notwithstanding strong media messages about sex and weak sexual education. But perhaps times are changing; maybe our teens are getting smarter, laughing at the media and their teachers who tell them to refrain. As painfully sappy as I am about to sound, I wonder if maybe we are moving into an age where we have learned to value, protect, and love our bodies and each other more. From a personal perspective, as the godmother of baby born to a near homeless teen, I honestly hope today's youth are getting smarter; being a child, while raising a child is a lifetime struggle, not to be glamorized or underestimated.

A tired message from a tired president



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

President Bush's final State of the Union Address was far from an exclamation point on his two terms served as President. The ideas that once sounded ambitious now sound like a tired recording, as most of the nation saw the speech as a brief distraction from the closely contested Democratic and Republican primaries. A large portion of the coverage was dedicated to monitoring the interactions between Senators

Obama and Clinton, along with post-speech interviews with Governor Romney and Senator McCain. Unlike previous Presidents, Bush doesn't have a successor waiting in the wings as Vice President or anywhere in the Republican Party. The current batch of Republican candidates could hardly stand to mention his name on the campaign trail, as they attempt to distance themselves from the highly unpopular President.

Currently, the President sits with a staggeringly low approval rating. He has presided over a highly partisan eight years, which has seen the divide between Republicans and Democrats grow further apart. An unstable economy that is starting a recession in the face and the continued presence of an unpopular war threaten the President's chances of having a desirable legacy. When history looks back at the eight years of George W. Bush's Presidency, it may prove to be harsh on him.

Bush entered the Presidency in a

controversial manner by squeaking out a victory in 2000, largely thanks to the Republicans in the Florida Supreme Court. After a quiet start to his term, September 11th occurred, awakening the neo-conservative foreign policy giants surrounding him. Everybody knows the rest: the faulty intelligence, the lack of a connection between Saddam Hussein and Al-Qaeda, the lack of WMD's in Iraq, Guantanamo Bay, etc.

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failed to remake Social Security and productively advance a solution towards illegal immigration. The economy has been unstable, as the lower middle class received no aid from the President's policies. In foreign affairs, the war has become increasingly unpopular as people

are beginning to recognize the difficulty of putting our troops in the middle of a civil war. Iran and North Korea still remain nuclear threats. President Bush's major ally in the war on terror, Pakistan, couldn't be further from being a stable nation.

Perhaps it is unfair to blame all these problems on the President. Everybody knew he was not a foreign policy expert when he ran in 2000, as he portrayed himself as a compassionate conservative who'd focus on domestic issues. Yet, September 11th forced him to rely on his cabinet. There he made the choice to listen to Dick Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld over Colin Powell, and that is where his troubles began. Domestically, his compassionate conservatism disappeared as the economy became strained by the war and he acted out of line with traditional conservative methods.

Regardless, the eight years are almost over. This time next year a new President will take over, with a new chance to shape his or her legacy, and hopefully learn from previous mistakes made by those in their office.

The racist world of Disney

By Esme Mazzeo
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

When I was younger, Disney was my parents' lifeline. They put on *The Little Mermaid* to keep me quiet before we went to a birthday party, and Jasmine from *Aladdin* was my role model. I could sing any song from *Aladdin* by heart. My parents were entertained by it, but I'm not sure they'd be so thrilled if they realized that the original versions of songs such as "Arabian Nights" from *Aladdin* contained lyrics such as "They'll cut off your ear if they don't like your face; it's barbaric, but hey it's home." And I doubt my abuela would be thrilled to learn that every single Latino character in Disney films is represented as a dog. Some of them steal cars, some are locked in the pound, and all of them have thick, stereotypical accents.

Although these instances of racism were the most evident to me, there are many other examples of racism, which can be found in almost any Disney film up until

1999. Some other examples are the siamese cats in *Lady and the Tramp* who possess stereotypical Asian almond-shaped eyes, thick accents, bucked teeth and a mischievous nature. Also, *Dumbo* features black characters working in the fields, singing an extremely racist song containing lyrics such as "We work all day, we work all night, we're happy-hearted roustabouts...back near breaking...keep on working!

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Stop that shirking! Grab that rope, you hairy ape!" Also, in *Dumbo* there is a black crow character named Jim Crow, which is a reference to the discriminatory laws against blacks in the South in 1876.

I was extremely disturbed when I found all of these examples, because if little kids are receiving racist messages from Disney films, of all things, where can they find entertainment? It's kind of disturbing for me to think that the most wholesome choice of programming for five-year-olds is now *Hannah Montana*.

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Dr. Dunham wins Beckenback award

By Caitlin Bandfield
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

It's no secret that the famed Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler is one of Dr. William Dunham's idols. As the Truman Koehler Professor of Mathematics here at Muhlenberg (named to honor Truman Koehler, an influential former mathematics professor at the College), Dr. Dunham regards Euler as a pioneer in the field of mathematics. Euler was a "phenomenal, towering figure," Dunham says, "and he influenced about every branch on the subject."

Dr. Dunham's admiration for Leonhard Euler is what inspired him to write a 1999 book entitled *Euler: The Master of Us All*, a significant work that was recently awarded the prestigious Beckenback prize. An award given by the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), the Beckenback is presented to a MAA-published book that the association views as holding a special significance in the field of mathematics. Dr. Dunham accepted his award earlier this month at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego, an annual

national meeting of the MAA, the AMS (American Mathematical Society), and SIAM (Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics) that brings together over 5,000 individuals from the field of mathematics.

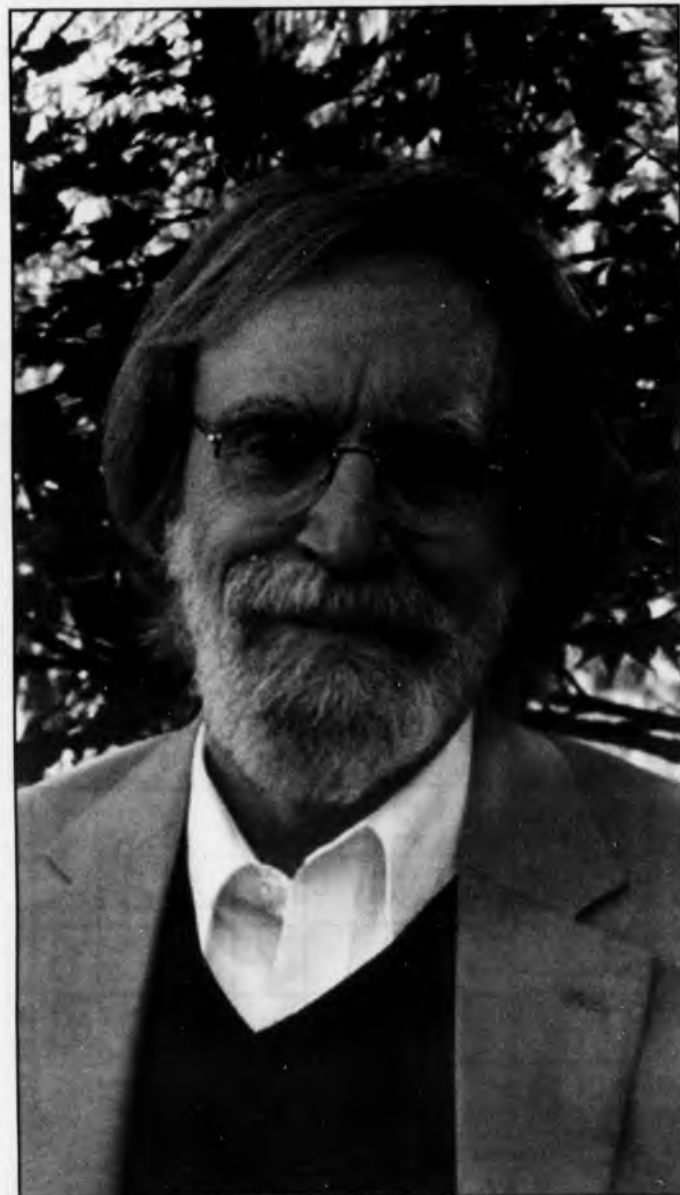
Writing *Euler: The Master of Us All* had been a rather long journey for Dr. Dunham, one that began at an early 1990's meeting of the MAA at Ohio State University. Don Albers, who at the time was the head of publication for the MAA, had been impressed by Dr. Dunham's first book, *Journey Through Genius*, and asked him if he would write another book for the MAA. Dunham not only could write about whatever he wanted, but he also had all the time that he needed to come up with the material.

It took Dr. Dunham almost a decade, but after becoming more and more familiar with Euler he paired his admiration for the mathematician with his own self-described passion for the history of mathematics to arrive at his topic. *Euler: The Master of Us All* was Dunham's attempt to show the mathematically literate reader why Euler was

considered the Shakespeare of the discipline, describing the format of the book as, "I'm claiming this guy is great, I'm claiming this guy is brilliant, now let me give you an example."

Dr. Dunham received his undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and he went on to receive both his Masters and PhD from Ohio State University. He taught for many years at Hanover College in Indiana and served as a visiting professor at Ohio State before coming to Muhlenberg in 1992. This upcoming fall he will be a visiting professor at Harvard, where he will teach a class on none other than Euler himself.

Just as this astounding mathematician influenced Dr. Dunham, *Euler: The Master of Us All* will serve as an eternal tribute to Euler that will undoubtedly go on to motivate the lives and work of future mathematicians. "I was very grateful to receive the Beckenback award," Dr. Dunham adds, "and over the past years I've also been honored to serve as the Koehler professor here at Muhlenberg."



Dr. William Dunham recently received the Beckenback Award for his book *Euler: The Master of Us All*.

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Breaking down barriers at the round-table discussion

By Samantha Ginsburg
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Our own Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding (IJCU) of the College hosted a panel discussion in Seegers Union this past Saturday. As a Lutheran-affiliated school, we are linked together along with 26 other colleges to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Members of the organization were invited to speak this weekend. The issue at hand was a reconfirmation of a document to commit to a two-state solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict,

and the support of the slogan taken up of Peace Not Walls.

The event was put together in response to concerns voiced by college officials that the religious representative of the College, the ELCA, was taking a strong side in an issue which is certainly not black and white.

The ELCA's slogan was put together with a picture of the separation barrier in Israel, indicating that the only object standing in the way of peace was the wall; this image has now been reformed to include images representative of walls of hate, terrorism, and others

which stand in the way of peace.

The multiple metaphorical walls, as was explained on Sat., became the new slogan of the ELCA, because they wanted to convey that there is not just one barrier standing in the way of peace, but many.

A forerunner for clarification at the meeting was the concept of open communication between all related parties of interest. Israeli-Palestinian topics are an incredibly hot-button issue, and College representatives contended that it is important for the religious contingency of the College

to retain an open track record.

With the introduction by Reverend Peter Pettit, each panelist spoke about his or her own connection to the college. Four representatives of the ELCA, Carol LaHurd, Dennis Frado, Eric Shafer, and Bruce MacLaughlin were present at the table, as well as local Episcopal priest Maria Tjeltveit, and Marjorie Hass, the College Provost.

Following the personals, the speakers talked about the opposing biases prominent in their personal environments, whether it is religious leader or college pro-

fessor. The ELCA representatives that were present spoke about the necessity of a broader understanding and with that, a kind of explanation and apology for the previous miscommunication.

The round-table discussion was put together with the intention of assuring the College that the ELCA would retain good judgment, keep an open mind, and a broad perspective.

As Marjorie Hass explained, it is a goal of the College to have a relationship with the Lutheran church that along with any relationship holds open communication as the ultimate goal.

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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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PURPLE

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American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN), the non-partisan, non-profit sister organization of ACS, is able to train members to speak for ACS and then go to legislatures to advocate laws and policies that will help people fight cancer.

In addition to this month's Advocacy event, CAC also held its Purple 101 event on Tues. Jan. 29. Last year was CAC's first in "painting the campus purple" and it was so successful that the group received national recognition for their efforts being named the best Purple 101 in the state of Pennsylvania.

"This event has been a year in the making as we are building upon last year's event. Everyone in Colleges Against Cancer played an integral role in making the day successful. Whether it was dorm storming, obtaining permission from administrators, sitting at tables, painting

windows, or any one of various other jobs, everyone's help was vital in making Purple 101 such a big hit," said Adam Hirsh '09. The main purpose that Purple 101 serves is to spread the word about CAC and Relay for Life (RFL); in fact, there was a Relay for Life kickoff meeting on Tues. night to wrap up the day's events and encourage continued spirit of Purple 101 for the entire semester. "Kickoff allows students to learn about all aspects of CAC in addition to creating enthusiasm for RFL," said Hirsh.

Throughout the day CAC members were seen sitting at tables in Seegers Union, taking purple hand prints of students, working in the Garden Room, and passing out information to anyone expressing interest in CAC, RFL, or ACS.




Before Purple 101 the College's chapter of CAC had raised over \$1,900 for the ACS and had 17 teams registered for RFL. "Our ambition is to have RFL grow every year as it becomes integrated into the lives of those in the Muhlenberg community and beyond," concluded Hirsh.



The "Give Relay your Personal Touch" table in Seegers gave students the opportunity to leave their hand prints in the representative color with personalized messages.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Rain	Sunny	Mostly Sunny
High: 46 Low: 32	High: 42 Low: 28	High: 43 Low: 26

SEEGERS

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Seegers now serves twice as many students as it used to, many things have become obsolete. He would also like to see some improvements to Seegers that support the College's efforts in sustainability.

Gerchman explains that discussion about renovations to Seegers have been occurring since he came to the College in 2001, and he expects that they even began before that. After many years of planning, the College expects to begin construction around Spring of 2009 and expects to be finished in the Fall of 2010.

As of now, the kitchen in Seegers Union is the first priority for expansion and

renovation. The kitchen has become obsolete and needs to be improved to meet the College's current needs. The kitchen renovation may end up affecting the Garden Room and GQ, which may be relocated and expanded. Shanker says that a nicer façade from the rear of the building, a better loading dock, and a renovated eating area have also been mentioned.

Gerchman says that renovation of the Red Door is also a possibility. Of course, none of these ideas or plans will be finalized until the College selects an architect and begins to discuss with the campus their needs and wishes for improvement. Until then, we can begin to look forward to a revamped Seegers Union in 2010.

Annual health fair

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

Brynnmarie Dorsey, Director of Student Health Services, invited the Hellwig Diabetes Center, Tobacco Treatment Program, Lehigh Valley Hospital Regional Heart Center, Sacred Heart Hospital, St. Luke's Center for Advanced Gyn Care, Allentown Health Bureau, Planned Parenthood, Coalition for a Smoke-Free Lehigh Valley, St. Luke's Sports Medicine Fellowship, Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley, Sodexo, Colleges Against Cancer, Crime Victims Council, Senior Solutions, and Muhlenberg College Health Services to our campus for the College's annual Health Fair last Thurs., Jan. 24. The fair took place in rooms 108 to 110 in Seegers Union from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The Health Fair first started at the College in 2006 and has been occur-

ring every year for the past three years. It consists of different vendors from the surrounding Lehigh Valley area, which provide blood sugar and cholesterol screening, body fat measurements, blood pressure screenings, and other health related information. Dorsey explains that "the goal of the Health Fair is to promote wellness."

The fair is designed so that students, faculty, and staff can receive information on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and can also have the resources to take basic health tests. The cholesterol and blood glucose screenings proved to be the most popular station students. The fair was a success, but Dorsey reported that more faculty and staff attended the fair than students. Dorsey hopes that next year's event will have a better student turn out, creating a better sense of health awareness on campus.

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Supporting GLBT in the workplace

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and Career Center held an informal information session on Tues., Jan. 29 at the Multicultural Center having to do with being 'out' at work. During this session students had the opportunity to speak with and listen to Tracy Denton, Global IT at Air Products. The goal of her visit was to allow students to discuss any fears that they may have about being a gay or lesbian employee after graduating from college, and how they can begin that search or at least begin thinking about it, now.

Some specific topics that were discussed included: how to choose a Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual-Transgender (GLBT) friendly company, if and when you should come out at work, how to come out at work, should you come out during an interview, introduction to organizations focused on GLBT

issues in the workplace, network and job search strategies, and employee network groups.

The discussion began with Denton asking the students what some of their fears were about being gay and entering the workplace. Denton shared her own story of coming out at her company, which did not happen right away.

She found herself being afraid of people not wanting to work for her or with her if they were ever to find out that she was gay; however, once she did decide to 'come out', she explained that she felt much more comfortable amongst her co-workers and encourages all people to try and find the courage to come out at their workplace.

A few ways that Denton suggested trying to come out to someone that is looking to hire you is to ask specific questions that either directly pertain to the subject, such as whether or not the company has domestic partner benefits, or something less

direct, like if the company has diversity network groups for its employees. This may help indicate to you where the company stands morally.

Denton also spoke to allies that were in attendance. She said that they too can ask questions such as the ones above to see if the company they are looking into shares the same views as them. A few websites that Denton recommended to the group to find more information on these topics were: www.outforwork.com, www.candidatefive.com, www.hrc.org, and www.outandequal.org.

This semester was the third in which the Career Center has put together an event like this, and would like to continue to do so as long as they get a positive response from students. They feel it is their responsibility to supply this kind of information to the College's students so that they can have more access to supportive GLBT resources.



Kellie Brown-Provost, Director of the Career Center (right), along with GSA, hosted an informal information session at the Multicultural Center. Tracy Denton of Air Products (left) led the discussion.

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 23 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A non College student was involved in a hit and run outside of the Trexler Library. The Allentown Police responded to this accident.

Jan. 24 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A college professor hit a large boulder behind Trexler Library.

Jan. 24 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food on the stove at 2245 Liberty Street.

Jan. 24 - Social Code Violation - Campus Safety discovered a car owned by a Freshman in the rear parking lot of Walz Hall. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 25 - Sex Offense - An individual made a third person Jane Doe report of sex-

ual assault that took place somewhere on campus.

Jan. 25 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food on the stove at 2152 Chew Street.

Jan. 26 - Institutional Vandalism - A barricade was smashed outside of Brown Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 26 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A student intentionally pulled the fire alarm on the third floor of Prosser Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 26 - Noise Complaint - Allentown Police responded to a noise complaint for 2303 and 2305 Allen Street. Both properties will be receiving Disruptive Conduct Reports.

Jan. 26 - Noise Complaint -

There was an unregistered party at 2267 Turner Street (building #4 of The Village). The residents will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 27 - Liquor Law - An individual leaving the party at 2267 Turner Street failed to comply to Campus Safety officers by refusing to discard his alcohol. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 27 - Noise Complaint - Allentown Police responded to a noise complaint at 527 N. 22nd Street. The residents of the property will be receiving a Disruptive Conduct Report.

Jan. 27 - Five individuals were found outside of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house kicking cars and throwing rocks. One individual was arrested for

underage consumption of alcohol. The others will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 27 - Sick Student - A sick student was found on the third floor annex of Prosser Hall. She was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 27 - Theft - A utensil holder was stolen from GQ. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 27 - Liquor Law - A student was arrested for underage consumption and possession of alcohol on the 500 block of N. 22nd Street.

Jan. 27 - Noise Complaint - Allentown Police responded to a noise complaint at 2201 Liberty Street. The residents of the property will be receiving a Disruptive Conduct Report and will be referred to the Judicial

Process.

Jan. 27 - Theft - A student stole a DVD player from his ex-girlfriend's car. The DVD player was recovered and both individuals will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Jan. 27 - Simple Assault - A non - College student scratched a student underneath their eye at an off campus bus station. EMS responded but the individual was not transported to the hospital.

Jan. 28 - Motor Vehicle Accident - Two non College students were involved in a motor vehicle accident in the Trexler Library parking lot.

Jan. 28 - A beef tenderloin was stolen from the freezer of Dining Services. There are no suspects at this time.

WEEKLY

Life!

"It is only after a fair portion of one's life that one really knows what are the things that matter, the things that will remain until the end."

- Anonymous

Recognizing some talent through New Voices

By Esme Mazzeo
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

New Voices is a program presented by the MTA every other year, which offers student playwrights a chance to mount their work.

Last semester, this program featured a play called "Serpentine," written by Brendon Votipka '09. But even though Votipka is just a junior here, he is not exactly a "new voice" in the world of playwriting.

His first piece, titled *Common Ground* was honored in 2004, when Votipka received the International Thespian Society Playworks Competition Award. It has since been published by Playscripts INC.

and produced nearly 100 times by different companies. Since this extremely successful debut, many of his works, including *Nows*, *Upstairs Bedroom* and *Every Time I Fall* have been performed by many different theatre companies, schools and training programs.

Set to a soundtrack of popular rock music, *Serpentine*, is a mature teen drama that explores the emotional, sexual and social pressures that adolescents must confront every day.

The play focuses on a teenage boy, his sister, and his best friend as they face the consequences that come along with acting on impulses. Commenting on his work, Votipka

said, "I think we wake up in the morning wanting to feel something. We want to feel at peace with the choices we make and affirmed in the way loved ones judge these choices. Sometimes being yourself can be an uphill battle, especially when you are growing up. As the characters in *Serpentine* reach for the connections they want, they are confronted by forces telling them who to be and how to be."

Serpentine has been recommended by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival to be performed at the Kennedy Center this upcoming spring and is also a candidate for recognition by the national Michael Kanin Playwriting Awards

Program, which honors student-written plays in order to encourage future playwrights.

Other Muhlenberg students who have been recognized for their work in theatre include Steve Balliet '10, Kamila Jacob '11, Anna Gothard '11, Natalie Cutcher '10, Wilma Cespedes-Rivera '09, David Bass-Clark '10, Collin Hooker-Haring '10, and Liz Wasser '08.

These actors are all nominees for the Region II Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, which rewards outstanding actors wishing to pursue higher education. Due to their massive amount of talent, it is obvious that all of the nominees are all viable candidates.

Dynamics New CD: *Sound Beyond Sight*

By Esme Mazzeo
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

Sound beyond Sight is the Dynamics' third studio album, a follow up to *Charged*, which was released in 2005. The title, which pays homage to the group's alumni, is a reference to the fact that although they have graduated Muhlenberg, their voices are still powerful, and can still be heard even if they are not actually seen.

This title is fitting, as the album was recorded over two years, so some of the people featured on the album have moved beyond the bubble. Some examples of the old favorites that can be heard on this album are "Somewhere over the Rainbow" (as performed by Judy Garland) sung by Ashley Wallace '07, "Spiderwebs" (as performed by No Doubt) sung by Rebecca Martin '06 and "Devils and Angels" (as performed by Toby Lightman) sung by Allie O'Connor '07, as well as many others.

Newer songs featured are

"Brandy" (as performed by Looking Glass) featuring Scott Parkinson '10, "Soul Meets Body" (as performed by Death Cab for Cutie), a duet sung by Colin Hooker-Haring '10 and Julia DeMilio '10 and Unwritten (as performed by Natasha Bedingfield) sung by Emily Herring '09.

The group certainly lives up to their name on this album, singing classics as well as newer Top 40 hits, upbeat songs as well as ballads, and songs with a funnier tone as well as more serious ones.

Sound beyond Sight definitely needs to be heard. You should head to their table in Seegers or the bookstore right now and get yourself a copy. You won't be disappointed.

The Dynamics (as credited on the CD) are: Kate Bolger '10, Scott Clausen '07, Julia DeMilio '10, Audra Dennis '08, Jared Franzman '06, Andrew Gutterson '08, Emily Herring '09, Colin Hooker-Haring '10, Kennedy Kanagawa '08, Dan Lagstein '08, Carolyn Martin '09, Rebecca Martin '06, Jessica Norland '08. Dynamic alumni fea-

ture include: Allie O'Connor '07, Reich '06, Gillian Visco '07, Ashley Dan Papperman '07, Scott Wallace '07, David Wrigley '08, and Parkinson '10, Joe Power '08, Adam Bruno Wu '07.



The Dynamics hang out in the Center for the Arts.

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I like my men like I like my wine...aged

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

Let's face it: if you're sixteen and you're dating a twenty-one year old, that's creepy. But if you're twenty-one and you're dating a twenty-six year old, suddenly it's more acceptable. It's the same age difference, but there's an unspoken social rule that once you reach eighteen, you're allowed to date older people without those bitchy girls in class whispering nasty things about you. Plus, once you reach eighteen, it's also not against the law anymore. But that's just a technicality.

Dating an older guy can have lots of advantages, but it can also have some disadvantages. For one, the college lifestyle is so far removed from real life that there may be some conflict between his 9 to 5 and your Thirsty Thursdays.

He's not going to understand why you complain about 10 a.m. classes and

how much your books cost when he's worrying about promotions and paying the rent on time. He's inviting you to weddings and ten-year high school reunions, and you're buying a ticket for him to Senior Ball.

Jealousy can be an issue when you go off to a bar at night where any guy can hit on you, and you get upset when he doesn't want to talk to you when you call at 3 a.m. in a drunken stupor.

Also, he has many more ex-girlfriends and sexual partners than you do. While experience isn't necessarily a bad thing, it can be slightly nauseating to think about all the other girls that came before you.

Bringing home a guy who could potentially be closer in age to your dad isn't always going to go over smoothly. People could think you're a gold digger or desperate or both.

Worse, your mom could pull the he's-just-taking-advantage-of-you

card, and your friends could think that he's just creepy.

Still, those comments are usually reserved for an Anna Nicole Smith type relationship. When it comes down to it, it's a matter of maturity, not age.

Everyone knows that women mature faster than men. This could be why many girls feel that they're more compatible with someone five to ten years older than them.

These guys are, for the most part, out of the college mindset and not so much concerned anymore about going out and finding some hot chicks to bang. It's also nice to have your boyfriend's own place to go back to instead of having to sexile your roommate in ML.

Older guys have been through the stress of your early twenties and know the advice to give when you're going through an

I'm-never-going-to-find-a-job-after-college breakdown. There's also the thrill of dating an older guy. There's something hot about doing something a little taboo.

Sure, it may be awkward when you two are out at a restaurant and you bump into his boss who looks you over and asks if you're his younger sister. And sure, he was graduating high school when you were having your Bat Mitzvah.

But now he's taking you to fancy office parties and giving you his old college Macro papers and you can't imagine ever dating another guy your age again. Plus, no guy your age ever got sounds like that out of you...ever. Just ignore the fact that he was born in a whole separate decade than you and that his hairline may recede soon, and you'll be fine.

So, sorry college boys, but you've got some competition. Your beer pong record and Guitar Hero scores no longer impress us. A weekly paycheck and a 401K does.

LOVE & LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER, AND WHY?



"Stewie from Family Guy because he's cute and I like his accent."

- Allie Schnall, '08



"Brandon Martin because he is so productive."

-Matt Katz, '09



"Buttercup, Bubbles and Blossom."

- Mike Hull '10, Katie Boyles '10, Anna Trichler '10



"Tommy Pickles because he brings the baby out in all of us."

- Evan Loewenstein, '09



"Eric Cartman, no contest."

- Liz Wasser, '08

Compiled by Esme Maxzeo

AMC Weekend Listings



The Bucket List

Fri. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

Sat. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

Sun. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

The Eye

Fri. 5:20, 8:00, 10:20

Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:20

Sun. 5:20, 8:00, 10:20

Meet the Spartans

Fri. 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

Sat. 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

Sun. 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

27 Dresses

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Sun. 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Untraceable

Fri. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Sat. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Sun. 4:40, 7:20, 10:00

Rambo

Fri. 5:30, 7:45, 10:10

Sat. 5:30, 7:45, 10:10

Sun. 5:30, 7:45, 10:10

Over Her Dead Body

Fri. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Sat. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

Sun. 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

"Jews of the Luthertown Wittenberg in the Third Reich:" Teaching our generation how to appreciate the past

By Allyson Margolis
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

From Feb. 2,
up until
March sec-

ond, the Galleria of the Baker Center for the Arts will be featuring an exhibit called, "Jews of the Luthertown Wittenberg."

This is a historical exhibition which consists of multiple panels decorated with pictures and words, capturing the lives of Wittenberg's concentrated Jewish population during the Nazi's occupancy in Wittenberg.

Being that Muhlenberg is a Lutheran college, it is connected with Martin Luther and Wittenberg, his hometown. The College is also rooted along the same grounds as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which made a declaration to the Jewish Community in 1994, repudiating the violent incentive Luther carried out in his writings and messages to the church.

The "Jews of Luthertown Wittenberg" symbolizes Muhlenberg's ensured dedication to learning from events of the past, as well as shaping a more harmonizing community filled with diversity, reflection, morals, and humanitarianism.

By educating ourselves of the Wittenberg Christian involvement in Nazism, students and faculty can aid in the prevention of historical repetition.

This exhibit will also enlighten its viewers of all that the Wittenberg Jews had to endure, recognizing their strength and giving light to their memories.

It is a wonderful way of keeping that period in history vibrant, so that such horrors, or horrors thought up from the events, never have the chance to occur. The College is striving to promote change, as well as

preservation through this exhibit by detailing the heritage throughout the pieces.

As the pamphlet about the exhibit states, "part of handling the heritage of the Reformation involves dealing with Luther's writings that were used during the Third Reich to discredit and persecute Jews...responsibility and sensitivity are required for any dialogue involving Jews and Christians and this exhibition is [being used to] make a contribution to this end."

Peter Pettit, Director of the Institute of Jewish-Christian Understanding, hopes that while exploring the exhibit, students will "Ask themselves what their lives might have been like in that era, had they lived in Wittenberg."

Pettit notes an even tougher question to ponder--what kind of response would one have to Nazism, had one been experiencing it?

Would it be easier just to blame the scapegoat for Germany's social and economic troubles? On Feb. 2, students and faculty will have the chance to ask themselves these questions, along with any others that come to mind.

The exhibition's producer will be speaking in Seegers Room 113 on Fri, Feb. 1 at noon and again at the opening reception, held on Sun. Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for the Arts Recital Hall.

Students who attend will come away with a new appreciation for the hardships that the Jews of Wittenberg endured, as well as a new perspective on how to treat people.

Because, as the Nazi's have shown, a small amount of hatred can go a really long way and affect all of the subsequent generations.

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the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Britney Spears Update:

Britney Spears seems to have reunited with her mother, Lynn Spears. Monday night, Spears got into a massive fight with her manager, Osama Lufti. Following the fight, Spears' paparazzi boyfriend, Adnan Ghalib, tried to get through the gate to Spears' home and was denied, as Lufti told security not to let him through.

Later, the two managed to meet up, as Spears and Ghalib were seen driving around LA, eventually getting a flat tire, during which the couple endured massive amounts of paparazzi.

Oddly, early in the morning Spears was seen not only with Ghalib, but also with mother Lynn, with whom she had been estranged for months. At 1:30 a.m. they were all seen leaving a drug store before going to Spears' home.

This all followed an announcement made on the television show, *The View*, that Spears was seeking

help, a message that was delivered to Barbara Walters by Adnan Ghalib. It has also been discovered that although Spears has not been granted visitation with her two young sons, the singer is allowed to talk to her children on the telephone.

Spears' relationship with Ghalib has been heavily criticized as it has been reported that he has sold pictures of the two, and has recently gone on television and played voice-mails that she has left him.

Despite this, some believe that an intervention is planned for Spears as Monday night, mother Lynn, cousin Ali, manager Lufti, Ghalib, and father Jamie were all seen at her house.

Baby News:

There have been many reports that actress Angelina Jolie and partner Brad Pitt are expecting twins. This rumor was anything but squashed following the much anticipated SAG awards, due to Angelina's very loose fitting dress, which could easily have been hiding a substantial bump.

In addition to the Jolie pregnancy rumor, it is now being rumored that singer Gwen Stefani is pregnant with her second child with husband Gavin Rossdale. *The Sun* has reported that Stefani is currently more than three months pregnant. Ironically, both Stefani and Jolie were pregnant together before.

Current Events:

After vacationing together this past weekend at Rancho Mirage, Jessica Simpson and quarterback boyfriend Tony Romo arrived back in Los Angeles together.

The couple then were seen going into the Key Club on Monday Night. This is the same club where Bam Margera claimed he and Simpson hooked up while Jessica was still married to Nick Lachey.

Troubled singer Amy Winehouse has finally checked herself into a London rehab center after a video of her smoking crack and taking various drugs was released.

The singer's mother, Janis, made a statement to the *Sunday Mirror* saying, "I've known for a long time that my daughter has problems. But see-

ing it on screen rammed it home. I realize my daughter could be dead within the year.

We're watching her kill herself, slowly. I've already come to terms with her dead. I've steeled myself to ask her what ground she wants to be buried in, which cemetery. Because the drugs will get her if she stays on this road.

She's invited me to the Grammy awards next month, but part of me thinks she won't be alive by then. I look at Heath Ledger and Britney. She's on their path. It's like watching a car crash - this person throwing all these gifts away."

Recently rehabbed actress, Lindsay Lohan, has returned to the New York party scene. She was seen partying at two clubs with *The Hills* star, Brody Jenner, who has a girlfriend.

The two were seen making out, despite Jenner telling *People* magazine that he had a serious girlfriend whom he had taken to meet his parents, implying the seriousness of the relationship. Of course, it is all Hollywood, so who knows.

Cloverfield:

Nauseating to watch

By: Matthew Howard
ASST. SPORTS EDITOR

It is possible that the new "mockumentary," *Cloverfield*, could be the first film since the 1925 version of *Phantom of the Opera* to send some of its viewers to the hospital.

In *Phantom*, the star, Lon Chaney, donned homemade makeup and slipped into the role of "The Phantom." At that time, viewers were so shocked and frightened by his appearance that six filmgoers suffered heart attacks. So, you would wonder why, with producers and directors and even actors knowing the effects that certain techniques can have on viewers, such a movie was made--especially after previous debacles.

So far, *Cloverfield* has sent nearly 25 people to the hospital with "extreme nausea," according to CNN. What makes *Cloverfield* so hazardous to its viewers? Unless you've seen it, there is no way to convey how dizzying the camera-work is.

Producer J.J. Abrams, the man

behind *Lost* and *Mission Impossible III*, decided to film the movie with everyday digital camcorders opposed to the high-tech, expensive ones familiar to Hollywood.

He also decided against using a tri-pod and decided to have the actors film the movie, even as they were running.

This resulted in extremely shaky camera work that left the viewers quite helpless as the camera pitched all around the screen. It panned from actor to ground to sky mercilessly--moving so quickly that some things were merely a blur on the screen.

This type of camera work simulates motion, but its intensity is too much for the eyes to take in all at once. So, you can begin to understand why many moviegoers, including myself, became nauseous during the film.

About an hour into film, I began to feel my double chicken-cheese steak rising in my stomach. I, along with two others in the theater, excused myself. About five minutes later I returned and sat through the

last half-hour without incident.

The film opens up with a surprise party for Rob Hawkins (Michael Stahl-David) who is leaving for a job in Tokyo the next day. During the party we find out that Rob has had an affair with a close friend, Beth (Odette Yustman).

After Beth has left, following a fight with Rob, an earthquake-like rumble is felt in the apartment. The parties go up to the roof to get a better view. While on the top of the roof, the New York City skyline is rocked by a massive explosion that sends flaming objects towards the camera.

They run down to the street where we see a creature fling the head of the Statue of Liberty and attack the city. Imagine how dizzy that shot will make you. If, of course, you are still able to watch the movie at this point.

After the horrific sight of the Empire State Building crumbling eerily like the Twin Towers, Rob receives a call from Beth where she tells him that she is hurt. Rob and his friends set off in an attempt to

save Beth...despite the fact that the giant, Godzilla-like creature is still loose.

Overall, the movie should be considered a B movie with excellent special effects. The plot was standard and the acting was average. It was the effects that made this movie worth remembering, unfortunately not happily for some.

The idea of having the movie shot from the point of view of the characters is good, but should not have been implemented for the entire eighty-five minutes of a feature film due to its nausea inducing effects on its viewers.

My suggestion is to wait until it comes out on DVD and rent it. It's not worth spending \$8.50 and risking upsetting your stomach.

Unless, of course, you are one of those people who enjoys such thrill rides...then I would say go for it, or maybe not - ride some roller coasters instead.

Any movie that needs a motion sickness warning and precautions before viewing should be heavily re-evaluated.

Records were meant to be broken

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Sophomore Alex Faust opened the Track and Field season in record-breaking style two weeks ago. Last week at the Muhlenberg Invitational, though, she topped herself once again. Beating her previous best by two inches, Faust cleared a height of 11 feet, 9 inches in the pole vault, resetting the school and Centennial Conference record that also held her name. Faust competed and won the 400 meters as well.

A total of seven teams gathered at the 'Berg for the meet, which turned out to be the largest home indoor

meet ever at the College. Joining Faust in first-place finishes were sophomore Debra Crockett in the shot put, junior Stuart Udis who won and set the record for the 800 meters with a time of 1:59.28, and sophomore Patrick Thornton who joined Udis on the 4X1600-meter relay to break another school record. Freshman Abby Simons, senior Dan Steinhart, and sophomore Jeremiah Lachaud also had notable first-place finishes.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD



Left: Sophomore Alex Faust has set the bar in pole vaulting, breaking her previous record by two inches at the Muhlenberg Invitational.

Top Left: Sophomore Jeremiah Lachaud finished in first place in the 55 meters as well as the 200 meters.

Top Right: Senior Dan Steinhart finished first in the 4X400 relay.

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Muhlenberg Wrestling loses three

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg had three challenging meets this week, each ending with a loss. Wed.'s Senior Night resulted in a 27-12 loss to King's College. Sat.'s dual meet against Stevens Technical Institute and King's Point turned out to be crushing defeats.

Last Wed., the team recognized its four seniors in front of a reasonable crowd. Hosting King's College, they were in for a battle. Two seniors came out on top, David Lavin (165 lbs.) and Chris Swensen (197 lbs.). Juniors Billy Hall (141 lbs.) and Rob Kein (149 lbs.) won by decisions, 9-2 and 6-4 respectively.

The team battled for five wins against Stevens, but it

wasn't enough for a team victory. A pin by Hall in 3:30 and four other wins by decisions put points on the board. Kein won by decision, 7-2, and Junior Matt Horn at 184lbs. won a close match, 3-1. Seniors Swensen and Joe Tartar (HWTs) both won 3-2 over their opponents. Final team score was Stevens 24, Muhlenberg 18.

King's Point was the toughest match-up of the week. But losing to King's Point's 149 pounder, 6-4, put an end to Kein's five-match winning streak. Hall took a disappointing fall as well, losing 7-5. Tartar gained the only points for the team, winning by decision, 9-3. The day ended with a 38-6 loss. The team is eager to meet these opponents again later in the season.



Junior Rob Kein (149 lbs.) won by a 6-4 decision against King's College.

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#26, once the "new kid," now a leader

Mule Profile: Carlo Morrongiello

By Beth Schwartz
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

About fourteen years ago, this boy was introduced to lacrosse. Years later, this same boy would don the number 26 as a vital defenseman on the Muhlenberg Men's Lacrosse Team, and avow that lacrosse has had a remarkable impact on his life.

Senior Carlo Morrongiello started playing lacrosse when he was eight years old, one year after he was adopted. By the time he joined the other students at his elementary school in Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, New York, groups of friends were already established. Morrongiello reflects on being the "new kid" at school and overcoming his discomfort by learning and playing lacrosse, which helped him assimilate into this unfamiliar culture. "I didn't know anyone. Getting involved in sports would definitely help my social life. So my parents introduced me to lacrosse, a sport that I never even heard of before. Since then, I've been in love with it."

As a communications major and art studio minor, with a concentration in photography, Morrongiello has proven that he is academically versatile, flexible and dependable. These traits are enhanced by learning a sport or any other regimented activity, he suggests. "Off the field," Morrongiello says, "lacrosse has helped me to take charge of my responsibilities, starting when I first played as a kid." This mature sense of responsibility is manifested in Morrongiello's ambitions for next year, as he is looking to live in New York City, hoping to work for an advertisement or entertainment PR firm. Of course, he won't stop playing lacrosse; New York City parks are perfect for zesty lacrosse games.

Because Morrongiello's passion for lacrosse concurred with his absorption of this new culture, lacrosse memories from his youth are very dear to him. Morrongiello remembers his parents videotaping games throughout his whole lacrosse career. Occasionally, Morrongiello watches these videotapes with friends and family, laughing at the bloopers, yet also smiling, recognizing how far he has come.

Morrongiello is also very proud that his sister, junior Ruth Morrongiello, is an "All-Star" player on the Woman's Lacrosse Team. Ruth, #13, chose this number in honor of Morrongiello, as his number in high school was #13. The Morrongiello family feels these numbers are special, as #13 is half of #26, Morrongiello's current number.

Besides Morrongiello's intrinsic rewards that come from lacrosse, he has gotten much recognition. As a Cold Spring Harbor Seahawk, Morrongiello played on the Junior Varsity team in the ninth and tenth grades. However, when the Varsity Lacrosse team entered the playoffs, he was chosen to play, in both ninth grade and then again in tenth grade. During his senior year at Cold Spring Harbor High School, and what he identifies as one of his biggest accomplishments, Morrongiello received Honorable Mention All-American.

One of Morrongiello's biggest thrills in lacrosse is that "the game is unknown," as the two opposing teams play as fervently as they can, but just one team will be announced as the winner, revealed only at the game's end. Though he confesses that he loves the competitiveness of the game, Morrongiello is a team player who thrives on watching the collective successes of his team. "Playing lacrosse with this team, to me, means building strong bonds with my teammates," Morrongiello affirms. "Besides my actual family, I feel that the Men's Lacrosse Team is my other family with whom I have been relating, confiding, and growing for the past three years."

Upon his graduation this May, Morrongiello is sad to say goodbye to his lacrosse family here, but is eager for the start of this season on Fri., Feb. 1. "I believe that we have now acquired a lot of experience that can allow us to go further than the past few years and perhaps, even going to the playoffs," Morrongiello asserts. "I am very excited for this season to begin so we can prove to our rivals that we are as good as, if not better, than they are. It'll be fun."



Senior Carlo Morrongiello is a key defenseman on the Muhlenberg Lacrosse Team. He has been playing for years, and describes his teammates as a second family.

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Super Bowl XLII provides an unexpected, but predictable, rematch

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

In what has been an unexpected 2008 NFL playoffs, the end result is the perfect 18-0 New England Patriots versus the scrappy 13-6 New York Giants. As you all may know, this is a rematch from the week 17 tilt that ended in a 38-28 Patriots victory, but also provided a spark for the Giants to transform into the team that they have become during the playoffs. However, the question remains, how good are the Giants?

Let's face it, although the 10-game road win streak is impressive, the teams they have beaten were not. Tampa Bay getting into the playoffs was a product of their incredibly weak division and schedule, Dallas hasn't been playing at a high level since they beat Green Bay in week 13, and those darned Packers with their renaissance-man QB Brett Favre gave the game to the Giants. However, there has been one very positive constant: a consistent Eli Manning. Since the New England game, he has thrown 8 TD's to just 1 interception. In all three playoff games, he hasn't committed a turnover. He is actually playing up to the expectation that New York has for him. Now we get to see how good he and the rest of the Giants really are.

Unfortunately, they aren't going up against a team like the Colts, Steelers, or the Chargers, all of which are very good at blowing games that

they shouldn't. They are going up against a team that doesn't make mistakes, and when they do make mistakes, they make up for them. The Patriots have Tom Brady as their quarterback, and as much as I can't stand him, he can flat out play football. It also doesn't hurt when your receivers are named Moss, Welker, Stallworth, and Gaffney. Oh, and don't forget about that monster o-line and that guy named Maroney back there. I could go on and on about the weapons that the Patriots have, but even the most casual football fan knows about them.

Here is the problem with the Super Bowl: it will be extremely predictable because it will be the same game we had a month ago in week 17. The Giants will play well, and their defensive front seven will get pressure on Brady. Michael Strahan and Osi Umenyiora may be one of the best defensive end tandems in the league. They have a strong running game with Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw. Their receiving core with Amani, Toomer, Plaxico Burress, and Sinorice Moss is also very solid. The Giants will be winning at some point, and will hang around with the Pats. Then, Eli will make one dumb decision, and Brady won't. That's all it will take, and the Patriots will be the 2007-08 Super Bowl Champions, and the first team to go 19-0 in the history of the NFL.

Prediction: Patriots 34, Giants 27

Men's Basketball victorious against Washington

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

As Men's Basketball took on the Washington Shoremen last Sat. it looked like a sure win for the Mules, who captured a 12-point lead and pulled out a win.

In the first half, sophomore Ryan Foster went five for six from the field scoring 13 points and sending the Mules into the second half with the lead, 37-25.

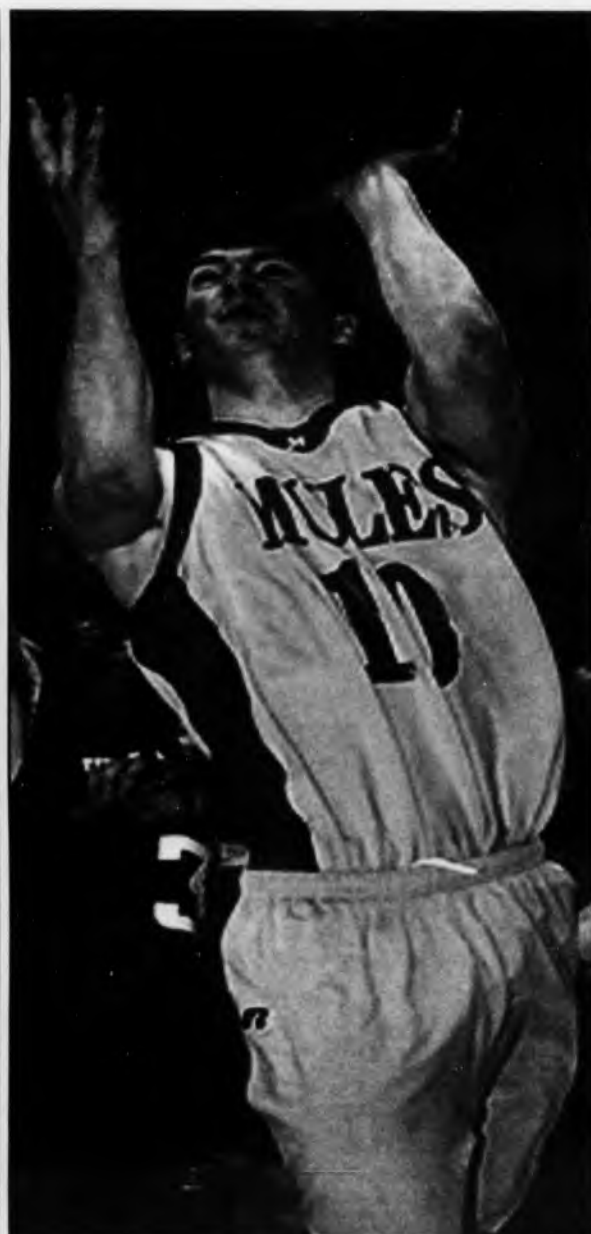
The game looked shaky for the Mules with 10 minutes to go in the game as Washington began to chip away at the lead. With only three minutes left to play, Washington closed the point deficit to three at the free-throw line.

The Mules, however, were determined to win this Centennial Conference game and after sophomore Obi Nwizubo scored two free throws, junior Mike Bernardini had a three-point play and the Mules quickly regained an eight-point lead. In the last minute of the game, Bernardini went five for six, leading the Mules to their win over Washington.

Ryan Foster finished the game with 18 points, going 7 for 9. Bernardini added 16 points and 5 rebounds. Nwizubo had a game high 13 rebounds and 10 points. Chris MacIntosh had eight points and 5 assists while sophomore Pete Barnes had a career-high 10 points.



Left: Junior Darrell Roth goes up for the shot.



Right: Brian Frankoski contributed to the Mules' win against Washington, here scoring on a layup.

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Mules remain Conference contenders

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Every year in the Centennial Conference the women's teams have two three-game weeks. This week was the second three-game week for the Mules. The week consisted of two home games and one big road game against the Conference-leading Dickinson Red Devils.

After losing their game against Franklin & Marshall, the Mules returned home to play the Fords from Haverford. Two minutes into the game, the Mules took the lead and never looked back. The lead got as big as 23 in the first half and they ended the half up 43-22. The first-half stars were junior wing Lauren Boyle, who scored 7 points and had 5 assists, and junior center Erin McSherry, who had 7 points and 8 rebounds.

The second half was more of the same as the Mules increased their lead to more than 30 and won the game by 32, 72-40. The win was a complete team performance as the Mules had 7 members score 5 points or more, but no one scored in double digits. The Mules' victory reestablished them as the second place team in the Conference and set them up with a road date against the Dickinson Red Devils.

On Thurs. the Mules boarded a bus to Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Muhlenberg came into the game knowing that Dickinson has a stout defense and that points could be hard to come by. This was the case as about 9 minutes into the game, the teams had combined for a total of 23 points and

the Mules had a one-point lead, 12-11. However, this would be their last lead of the game as Dickinson hit a three to give them a 14-12 lead. Dickinson's defense stayed strong as their offense kicked in, and the Mules were able to muster just 7 points in the rest of the first half and trailed by as many as 14 before cutting the deficit to 10 (29-19) at the end of the first half.

The second half was not good to the Mules as their offense continued to struggle and Dickinson found ways to score. Dickinson's lead was as large as 27 (55-28) with 8:36 remaining in the game. The Mules would end up pulling within 15 but never had a chance after falling behind in the first half and lost 64-49. Freshman point guard Kelly McKeon scored 11 points and McSherry led the Mules with 12, but no one else really contributed to the offense as the Mules shot just 35% from the floor, compared to the Red Devils who shot 47%. The Mules had to forget right away the tough loss because the Shorewomen of Washington College were coming to Memorial Hall.

Upon returning to Allentown, the Mules needed a win to secure their spot among the top teams of the Conference. The Mules dominated the first half of play, but at halftime the Mules found themselves only up 2 points. However, the second half saw the return of a potent Mules offense that put up 55 points to help them cruise to a 63-57 victory. Muhlenberg was led by Boyle with

21 points and also got double-digit scoring out of sophomore Alexis Bates and McSherry, who finished with 16 and 10 points respectively. McKeon did a nice job distributing with 8 assists and freshman Sheila Cook grabbed 8 rebounds to go along with her 8 points.

This was a solid win for the Mules who now stand at 13-5 and have an 8-3 Conference record, tying McDaniel in third place behind Dickinson and Ursinus. The Mules went 4-2 over their back-to-back three-game weeks which is very impressive; they can reclaim the second spot in the Conference with two road wins this week against McDaniel and Ursinus. If the girls are able to sweep or get a split this week, they will do themselves a big favor in their drive towards the Conference playoffs.



Left: Sophomore Brenna Ferster drives to the hoop against Haverford.

Top: Junior Erin McSherry has had a strong season so far, helping in the scoring department as well as grabbing rebounds.

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Documentary gets students “fired up” about globalization

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

This past Tues., Feb. 5, the College presented a screening of the film *Transnational Tradeswomen* as part of the *Fired Up Film Series*, sponsored by the Center for Ethics along with the Media and Communication departments of both the College and Cedar Crest College. The film was shown in the Recital Hall of the Center for the Arts and had an excellent student turnout.

The Center for Ethics has worked with the *Fired Up Film Series* several times in the past because its documentaries raise provocative social, political, and economic questions.

The *Fired Up Film Series* was originally conceived by Dr. Jim Schneider, who taught at the College in the Media & Communication Department before he passed away in 2005. He put together the series to design a “fire up” dialogue about social issues that were not being addressed in the mainstream media.

Dr. Lora Taub, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Media and Communication, and Dr. Paul McEwan, Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the Film Studies Program, co-direct the series along with Dr. Jim Brancatol, Schneider's colleague from Cedar Crest College. They have been organizing this series at the College for the last three years so that Schneider's vision of a democratic media can live on.

Taub explains that *Transnational Tradeswomen* “tells an important untold story about globalization, a story untold by the commercial mass media.” The documentary focuses on the role of women in Asia's construction industry and shows how modern technology and

globalization can often have negative effects on gender equality.

The creator of the documentary, Vivian Price, was a former construction worker and spent a year documenting women in construction labor. She began wanting to erase any stereotypes Americans have of the delicate, submissive Asian woman but ended up focusing more on how development and mechanization are pushing women out of the industry. The documentary gives a unique perspective on social and economic progress by showing how new technology can at times limit opportunities for women in the workplace.

“The film is uniquely situated at the center of several intersecting campus dialogues: about globalization, about Asia, and about gender.”

- Dr. Taub, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Media and Communication

Dr. Judy Ridner, Associate Professor and Director of Center for Ethics, believes that this documentary will “help to facilitate a campus discussion about the value of women's work from a global perspective. It will get students thinking about the common challenges women workers face in Asia and the United States.”

Taub explains, “The film is uniquely situated at the center of several intersecting campus dialogues: about globalization, about Asia, and about gender.” The film coordinates well with the Center for Ethics programming series on Globalization in the Fall, and Women in the Spring.

The *Fired Up Film Series* will have several other related film screenings in the near future, including a documentary about an Indian immigrant living in the United States that questions some of the consequences of outsourcing telephone service jobs to India. This film will continue *Transnational Tradeswomen's* discussion about globalization and also raise awareness about issues often ignored in the media today.

Getting focused on the nation

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Did you know that over 40 percent of bottled water in the U.S. is sourced from municipal tap water? Or that meeting the America demand for bottled waters required more than 17 million barrels of oil – enough fuel for more than 1 million cars – last year?

The wastefulness of the bottled water industry was just one of several factors addressed by EnAct during last week's “Focus the Nation” event. Held on January 31, Focus the Nation is a national teach-in with the goal to engage millions of students, faculty, staff and visitors at educational institutions around the USA. Thousands of universities, including

Muhlenberg, held discussions focused on Global Warming solutions.

Muhlenberg did its part as well. The Greening Committee, EnAct, and the Center for Ethics hosted a webcast viewing of *The 2% Solution* in Trumbower on Wednesday night. The webcast discussed the goal of cutting carbon emissions by 80% by the year 2050 (a 2% cut each year by 2050). Unfortunately, the broadcast was interrupted by technical difficulties at many universities – including Muhlenberg. Over 10,000 nationwide screenings were logged onto the cast, interfering with webcast viewings at many institutions.

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Members of EnAct had tables set up in Seegers where students were given the opportunity to learn about the negative effects of bottled water.

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Doing things our way

In our previous vein of spurring our fellow classmates to care, we have decided to bring the issue a little closer to home and write about what we know. We know mainly about the education that we are receiving here at the College, and while it is definitely diverse, we have to wonder if it is enough. Most would say that it is not adequate equipment for the "real world," but we would have to disagree with the masses on that point.

While we admit that a liberal arts education may not be as practical as a straight technical education, we do believe that we will succeed once we have left academic row far behind. Notice, however, that we did not say that everything we have learned came from inside a classroom. No, we believe that the best lessons lie far outside academics – they are found in dormitories, chapels, and for us, at least, this office. Here, we learned how to meet deadlines, make something out of nothing and cultivate strong personal working relationships. We have learned the basics of journalism through constant practice, not theoretical instruction in the classroom.

People ask us why on earth we spend every Tuesday night in the office, frantically scribbling and typing away, hoping to finish by a decent hour. When we are exhausted and cranky after yet another long production night, we ask ourselves the same question. But then we remember why. Sure, we've learned the concepts and ideas in class, but now we need to put them into action. And this is our way.

Our minds are more than prepared for an actual career, but it is our choosing to act that readies our confidence. Knowing you can do a job and understanding how one is done are completely different. Without action, there can be no mistakes, and without mistakes, there can be no knowledge gained. We apply our education every day, whether we are aware of it or not, and even the most abstract philosophical theorem has its place in the real world. No problem can be resolved without knowledge of possible solutions, and no career can be put into practice without the theory behind it.

So, the next time you want to throw your copy of Milton against the wall, know that not all lessons are learned in the classroom – but without that foundation, no one would have the capability to learn at all.

Too much extra entertainment in Facebook

By Esme Mazzeo
ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

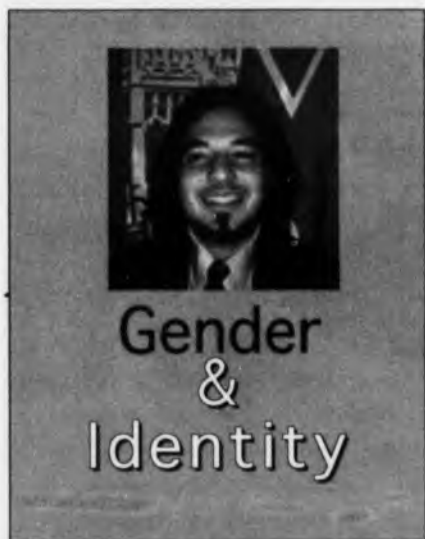
If you're one of my three hundred twenty-three Muhlenberg "friends" on Facebook, you know that I can't exactly claim extreme hatred toward all Facebook applications. In fact, I have sixteen more applications than I had when MySpace was still the cooler of the two sites. However, that still doesn't stop the annoyance I feel upon receiving the hundredth "Zombies" application request of the week, or the immense (probably strange) amount of satisfaction I feel upon clicking the "reject" button for the hundredth time.

I like to think that, with a few exceptions, most of the applications on my profile are entertaining ways for my "friends" to learn more about me. I mean, I think it's pretty cool that I can let everyone know what book I'm reading at the moment, or recommend my favorite movies. But is it really necessary to let everyone know that the celebrity I most resemble is Will Smith? Or that I'm more like Posh Spice than any of the other Spice Girls? Not really.

But even those applications have some element of understandable entertainment to them. They are not unlike any of the quizzes that I've been known to take in *CosmoGirl!* or some such magazine. However, last night, while attempting to entertain myself for a little bit before doing my homework, I received an invitation that crossed a line for me, entitled, "When will you get married?" What disturbed me even more than the actual application though was that I clicked on it. I took the quiz. I'm not dumb, I knew it was not actually telling me anything; it wasn't even entertaining until I came to the results (four years and three months, in case you were wondering) and, before then, I was forced to poison twenty peoples' homepages with a request. I got a little chuckle out of it, and then decided that I'd rather be doing homework than letting a computer program plan out my future for me. Amazingly, I'm proud to say I was more entertained by "The Method" than I have been by any application anyone could think up.

I don't really know if there is a moral to my story. I just felt compelled to share my experience. Facebook does have its positive aspects. It would not be so easy to keep in touch with my friends outside of Muhlenberg if it didn't exist. However, I believe the whole application thing crossed the line somewhere between the "virtual bookshelf" and the "virtual aquarium". I can't speak for everyone, but I know that I value my time and have better, more important things to do with it than play around in a virtual haunted house. So, from now on, I'm going to try and resist clicking "accept" in favor of becoming a more productive member of society; maybe you'd like to try it as well. However, if not, I kindly ask you to refrain from sending me further invitations. Don't worry, I won't be offended. I respectfully reject any future requests.

Constructing or deconstructing an identity



Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

for in the current student body? Are they looking for intelligence? Worldly consciousness? Civic participation? Physical attractiveness? Healthy bodies? What is the "Muhlenberg identity" they are looking to see if they fit into? And do we have a so-called Muhlenberg identity? Is that even possible, to have a unified identity for a student body of over two thousand strong? I often wonder how outsiders generalize "Muhlenberg students" and how it relates to our identity, both self-defined and thrust upon us.

Often thrown around are catch phrases such as the "Caring College" – a great compliment to the college as a whole, and students involved with Community Service programming in particular, but does that message infuse itself within the individual identities of Muhlenberg students? When asking students on campus if they thought there was a Muhlenberg identity, I was told, that of course there is no such identity, that we are all individuals and we are a campus of infinite identi-

ties – but when speaking with outsiders, there is a clear Muhlenberg stereotype: wealthy, white, New Jersey, politically apathetic, and uninterested in Allentown.

Many on campus would be offended by the false stereotypes of 'Berg students, but with little desire among many students to deconstruct the stereotypes, we are forced into a box with those words as they become our identity.

The images of the College as an all-white, upper class, student body from New Jersey is simply not true, and while we are statistically over 90% white, and over 30% from New Jersey, our identities are certainly not monolithic. With the Multicultural Center thriving, and the amount of out-LGBT students growing, we are certainly more diverse than representing every county in New Jersey (maybe twice?)...

By defying the stereotype and by stepping outside the comfort zone, we can easily deconstruct this untrue identity. Students from work-

ing class backgrounds should speak up when they are told that Muhlenberg is a "rich, white campus." And students who perpetuate the stereotypes should find out how many students on campus actually do receive financial aid. Finally, the most important stereotype to defy is that of Muhlenberg as an apathetic campus.

I don't think that it is true, and based on the attendance at all the politically charged events I have planned on campus, I am confident that our student body is far from apathetic. Yet, few students speak out on the issues that directly affect them, and only slightly more make a point to vote locally in Allentown.

This is a challenge and a call to action, create a better image for our Muhlenberg identity by defying the negative and untrue stereotypes simply by sharing your own individualism. We are a diverse place, but some people still cannot see that. We need to make it more clear, it is in our interest as a student body to do so.

Often in this column, I discuss issues specific to gender and the queer experience, but for at least this article, I will take a break from gender and focus on a larger identity question.

When prospective students visit Muhlenberg, what are they looking

Buzz around Washington D.C.



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I am fortunate enough to be taking part in our college's Lutheran College Washington Semester during an election year. For those who don't know about the program, it is a consortium of different Lutheran colleges who own a building in Arlington, Virginia.

They provide a penthouse apartment, weekly field trips, and classes taught by a variety of professors and local experts. During the day,

the program sets you up with an internship in the D.C. area, in any desired field of study. It is a good deal.

Over the last few weeks, between my internship and touring the various landmarks around the city, I've been able to sense the excitement in the city about this upcoming election. With Super Tuesday just behind us, I thought I'd share insight into a few great debates I've heard since I've been down here.

Arguably the best debate I heard took place at my internship between a former campaign manager for Bill Clinton, my supervisor, and a lobbyist who were having a lunch meeting last week.

The lobbyist was a staunch Republican who was arguing the merits of Mitt Romney's conservatism, pointing out how he is the only "true" Republican candidate.

He couldn't get over the fact that John McCain has worked with so many Democrats in the past to produce legislation, which is something

you think would be looked at as a positive. Isn't it good to have the ability to maintain a functioning relationship with the other party?

The former Clinton campaign manager was carrying on about how inexperienced Obama was, while touting Hillary's extensive history in Washington.

Yet, my supervisor countered that Clinton is from the old guard and doesn't represent any true change in Washington.

She said it was time for an end to the Clinton/Bush dynasty that has produced so many

problems our country is facing now. Obama offers that change.

A perfect example is his defiance to the Iraq War from the beginning, which is an issue Senator Clinton has flip-flopped on repeatedly.

Another interesting exchange I overheard was during lunch at the Capitol Hill Club, which is filled with Republicans. One of them was taking it on the chin for supporting McCain. He stated how he couldn't

bring himself to vote for the seemingly robotic Romney, who only seems to be in the race because he is rich. Outside of his money, he is nothing but a one term governor from a liberal state, where he portrayed himself as a moderate to be elected.

Both discussions provided great overviews of the final four candidates. Obama is the inexperienced Senator that is somehow going toe to toe with the most powerful political family in the nation.

Clinton is riding her husband's coattails, yet still manages to compel all different types of people with a strong vision for our country's future.

McCain isn't Republican enough but still is one of the most respected individuals in our political system, regardless of people's party affiliations. Romney knows his economics, but doesn't really have a strong opinion on anything.

I don't expect Super Tuesday to settle either race; this is going all the way down to the wire.

For more information on the Washington program, contact Dr. Slane in the political science department.

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Trexler library celebrates Black History Month

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

In recognition of Black History Month Trexler Library has set up an honorary display. In a glass case on the first floor five prominent African-American Muhlenberg College alumni are displayed with their achievements at the College and life after graduating.

The idea for the display was decided on by the library where they typically have a rotating display, and this month, they wanted to recognize the importance of African-American history while also connecting it to the College.

After coming up with the idea the library went to the Multicultural Office, Development Office, and Alumni Office and asked for the names of African-American alumni who are renowned in their field. The following five alumni were

chosen to be presented in the display: Dennis M. Williams Jr. '97, Roma W. Theus II, Esquire '69, Beth Adderly Evans '92, Jacqueline Tibbs Copeland '69, and Daniel Bosket '75.

Dennis Williams played on the College's varsity football team, studied history and secondary education, and is now the Principal at Hatboro-Horsham High School in Pennsylvania. Roma Theus studied political science, is a former member of the Board of Trustees, and works as Committee Chair and Public Relations Co-Chair for DRI - The Voice of the Defense Bar-Corp. Integrity and White Collar Crime.

Beth Evans studied psychology and accounting and is now the Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Enrollment Management at St. John's College in New York City. Jacqueline Copeland

studied political science and is currently the Director of Education and Public Programs at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore.

Daniel Bosket studied economics and accounting, was on the College's wrestling team, and is a Branch President of Allentown NAACP, and Project Director of the Community Action Development Corporation of Allentown.

In the display case are pictures of each alumni along with a description of where they are now. Muhlenberg yearbooks and photos of the individual's places of work are also out for the College community to see.

Please be sure to stop by this display, located on the first floor of the library, and take a few minutes to admire the achievements of these deserving alumni.



Check out the display in Trexler Library to read about prominent African-American Muhlenberg alumni!

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
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Answer to Sudoku

Sudoku

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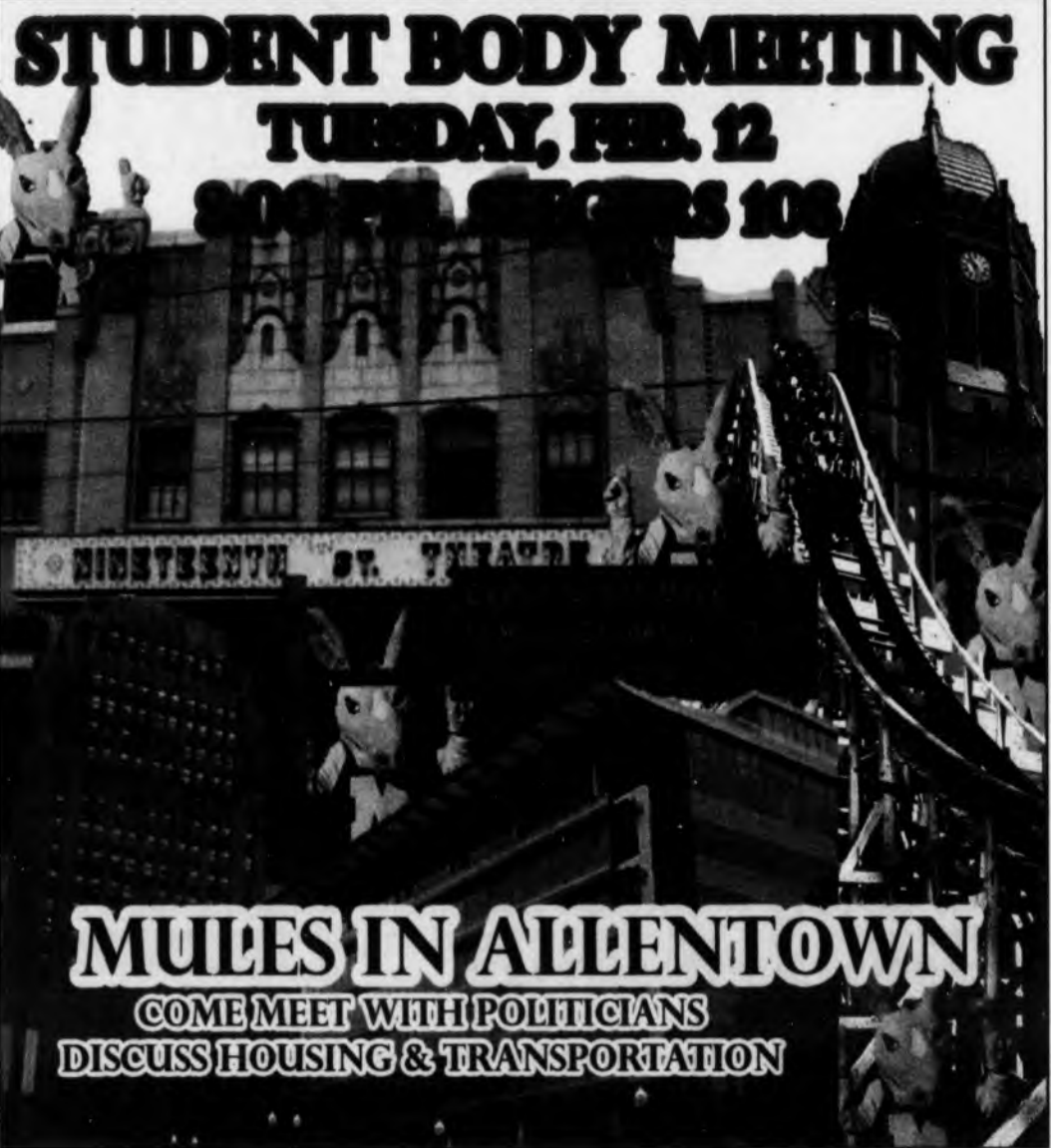
Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Rain/Snow Showers	Rain/Snow Showers	Few Snow Showers/Wind
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STUDENT BODY MEETING

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

8:00 PM. ROOM 108



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and are due by Monday, February 18th, 2008. Late requests will be subject to a \$25.00 fine. If you have any questions please call our office at x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.



Progress report: online registration

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

This Spring semester will be the first in which all of the College's students register for their classes via web registration. Last Fall there was a pilot where a handful of students from each class was selected to participate along with a few professors. In a Web Registration Update meeting last Fri., Feb. 1, administrators, faculty and students gave their feedback and progress reports.

The meeting was attended by the following faculty, staff and students: Sharon Albert, Visiting Lecturer for Religious Studies; Dr. Jane Flood, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Physics; Dr. David Nelson, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Mathematics and Computer Science; Debbie Tamte-Horan, Registrar; Karen Schall, Assistant Registrar; Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life and Assistant Professor of Humanities; Harry Miller, Director of Information Technology; John Wardenski, Consultant from NCMS; Jane Hudak, Dean of the Wescoe School; Ellen Pothering, Controller; Meghan Wilson '09, and Laura Winger '10.

To begin conversation everyone was asked to share the experiences they had in using the new program for registration. Students thought that the implemented program was very intuitive, easy to follow with its step-by-step instructions, and a preferable alternative to sitting in the Haas stairwell at 5:00 a.m.

As for the meetings with academic advisors, the process will remain the same, and it is absolutely imperative that students are aware of the advisor with which they are correlated in the system. Signatures can no longer be forged, and students must get signed off by all advisors; meaning that if you are a double major, both advisors need to be met with in order to be able to register. Students will still be held fully accountable for keeping track of their academic progress with general requirements and major requirements, as well as the number of credits they have accumulated. The new online program will not be responsible for making sure students are up-to-date on this kind of information.

Professors at the meeting felt that they will now be more actively involved with the advising process because advisors will have to take a closer look at the courses that students are selecting. Students will have

to meet with the instructors of their desired courses for anything having to do with pre-requisites, time conflicts, over enrollment, etc. Only the instructor of a course can use these overrides; academic advisors can only give you their initial permission to begin the process of registration.

There was apprehension towards some of the technology as not all professors understand it in the same way, but last semester's pilot and this semester's first generation will allow for feedback that could lead to many changes in things such as confusing terminology on certain applications. These small things are being improved upon every day right now, and that is why feedback is so important for the offices of the Registrar and Information Technology (OIT); they want this program to be as easy of a transition as possible for everyone at the College.

Both the Registrar and OIT continue to test and update the program in preparation for April registration. OIT is currently in the process of installing and testing a new server to accommodate the increased load, and the Registrar's staff is testing and communicating with both John Wardenski and Vince Pace as issues arise. Other offices including the Controller's Office, Residential Services, and Wescoe are also participating in the testing process. The biggest step for OIT since last Fall's pilot program has been moving the CAPSTONE Database to operate on the new Linux Server.

The Fall 2008 Course Schedule is being created, and since everything is being transferred to the internet, students will no longer be provided with paper editions of the schedule. The Registrar will be providing students with instructional booklets on how to go through the process of registering. There will also be a training sessions held the week of March 25 that students can attend if they so choose. These sessions will also be held for faculty and secretaries at different times.

Everyone that has been involved with creating this new program is very excited to see it up and running for the entire campus to use in April. Information about registration is going to be distributed throughout the semester in various forms including the Message Board, posters, Residential Services, a parent newsletter, faculty meetings, and emails from Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations.

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"While we did not all get to watch the web cast together, it's encouraging that the reason was because there were simply too many people trying to participate," explained Jacy Good, '10, student organizer of the event and member of EnAcT and the Greening Committee.

Along with viewing *The 2% Solution*, students held a discussion Wednesday night with Political Science Professor Dr. Herrick, Physics Professor Dr. Fadem, and the Campus Sustainability Coordinator Cara Owens. On Thursday, Dr. Bradt, Professor of Environmental Science, held a lunch and learn about the most recent report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (www.ipcc.ch). The IPCC was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in December 2007, and is the largest consensus of scientists on any issue.

Also, EnAcT tabled on Wednesday and Thursday in Seeger's Union, asking students to taste water samples and compare filtered Allentown tap water (taken from the GQ) to Aquafina bottled water. "The vast majority of taste testers could not identify which water was which, proving the absurdity of the bottled water industry," said Good.

On a national level, over one million students participated in Focus the Nation activities, as did a number of high-profile senators, governors, and members of congress. The event even gained support from presidential-nominee hopeful Barack Obama and terminator-turned-governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Students looking for more facts regarding bottled water can visit www.thinkoutsidethebottle.org. Those interested in watching *The 2% Solution* can access it at www.earthdaytv.net.

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Meredith and Eirinn's Fun Fact of the Week

Did you know:

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 29 - Institutional Vandalism - A student punched the annunciator panel outside of the East door of Prosser Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Jan. 29 - Theft - An iPod was stolen from the recreation desk in the Life Sports Center. The iPod was later recovered and returned to its owner.

Jan. 29 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 2201 Chew Street.

Jan. 30 - Injured Employee - A Plant Operations employee fell off his truck and injured his elbow. He was transported for

medical treatment.

Jan. 31 - Liquor Law - A student from the second floor of Walz Hall was found in possession of alcohol. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 1 - Sick Student - A sick student from the second floor of Martin Luther Hall refused transportation to the hospital. He visited the health center the next day.

Feb. 1 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A Plant Operations employee backed his vehicle into another employee's vehicle in the back drive behind academic row.

Feb. 1 - Injured Student - A

student injured his back during basketball practice in the Life Sports Center. He was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 1 - Theft - A white Apple laptop was stolen from the first floor Prosser lounge. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 2 - Institutional Vandalism - A student ripped down the railing from the steps leading up to the Gabriel House (Wescow School). There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - Five vehicles were egged outside of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house. There are no suspects

at this time.

Feb. 2 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - There were scratches found on the rear window of a vehicle outside of the Sigma Phil Epsilon fraternity house. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 3 - Sick Student - An intoxicated student was transported to the hospital due to alcohol poisoning.

Feb. 3 - Theft - Two students from the first floor of Benfer Hall were found in possession of stolen property. They were keeping the sign for the shuttle bus stop in their room. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt cookies in the Martin Luther underground.

Feb. 4 - Found Property - A purse was found outside of East Hall and was returned to its owner.

Feb. 4 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 2251 Turner Street.

Feb. 5 - Possession of False Identification - A wallet was found in the Life Sports Center and inside the wallet there was additional identification with false information. The owner of the wallet will be referred to the Judicial Process.

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Life!

"The good life is inspired by love
and guided by knowledge."

- Bertrand Russell

"On a Clear Night" Missy Higgins ticket to success

By Alex Nagoriski
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

When she was only sixteen, Missy Higgins won a national Australian high school songwriting award in 2001 for "All for Believing." Little did she know that it would be that song that would lead off her debut album, "The Sound of White," released in 2004.

The album would later be nominated for eleven ARIA awards, the Australian equivalent of a Grammy. She then won "Album Of The Year," "Best Female Artist," "Best Pop Release," "Breakthrough Artist" and "Highest Selling Album."

After becoming household name in Australia, Missy went global. In 2006, she relocated to Los Angeles to record her sophomore effort with

veteran producers Mitchell From (Paul McCartney, Elvis Costello, the Indigo Girls, Randy Newman) and Jay Newland (Norah Jones). The following year, Rolling Stone magazine called her performance at Live Earth a "highlight."

The release of her second album, "On a Clear Night," in April 2007, garnered her a three times platinum #1 record in Australia. The lead single "Steer" stayed on top of the Australian pop charts for several weeks.

The second single, "Where I Stood," has recently been receiving heavy rotation on American prime time television, appearing on shows such as "Grey's Anatomy," "One Tree Hill," and "Smallville," all within the past two months.

As a result, Higgins is currently touring the United States, already

having sold out her March show in New York City, and has become a featured "what's hot" artist on iTunes.

"On A Clear Night" steers away slightly from Higgins' debut album. While "The Sound of White" focused a lot on emotionally-driven piano ballads, the new record relies heavily on the guitar.

It also transforms much of the jazz sound of the first CD into more of a singer-songwriter pop/indie feel, reminiscent of Sara Bareilles or Ingrid Michaelson.

Also unlike her previous effort, Higgins seems to be trying something completely different in each song on the record.

Rather than having each track bleed into one another for fluid transitions, she experiments with different sounds up against each

other.

There's the raw Alanis Morissette grunge feel of "Peachy," followed by the country feel of "Going North," while songs such as "Where I Stood" could easily appear on a Christina Aguilera record.

Higgins has delivered a beautiful album with a wide range of exposed emotions and influences. It's easy to understand why legions of fans believe her unique sound and phenomenal self-written lyrics make her a "modern, female Bob Dylan."

Up till now, she hasn't yet truly broken into the mainstream U.S. airwaves. But the fantastic and musically exceptional album, "On a Clear Night" might just be this Aussie's ticket to American success. Buy the album, then it is worth it to help this star become the phenomenon that she should really be.

Muhlenberg's own "Dolphin Party," "TV Babysitters" & more rock The Red Door

By Samantha Ginsburg
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Call their sound adventure-pop. It's a unique sound that really could not fit in any other category. That was the beat of Friday night in the Red Door as "TV Babysitters" revealed their energetic affair to the Muhlenberg music scene at the debut showing.

With Jordan Miller '10 on drums, Justin Mayfield '10 on bass, Mike Kurtz '10 on keyboard and Matt Katz '10 on saxophone, these are just some of their instruments this band uses to captivate the audience.

All four have had a long history with music in a variety of elements—and are not new to the Red Door performances.

Miller is involved with four bands on campus (we are not touching

how many bands outside of school). "Matt Katz rocks out on stage," says sophomore Danielle Stern, as well as with three bands at school and one at home.

Justin is occupied with two bands from home along with the TV Babysitters. Kurtz writes and performs his own original piano pieces.

Each member brought something different to this collateral exhibition. On piano, Kurtz wrote the bare bones for the music that is eventually fleshed out into what is heard onstage.

"It's a mix of horror movies, sci-fi, TV commercials, and grindhouse theatre," says Miller. It certainly kept the audience entertained on Friday night.

This is not the only night of music for the first-timers. Keep your ears to the ground—or the Seegers

hallways—for posters of their next performances. If luck is around, there may even be a demo CD by the end of the year.

Following the TV Babysitters was freshman Max Seidman '11 on guitar, who was not new to the Red Door.

He has been playing guitar for many years, but counts his real musical beginning from when he started writing music two years ago. The sound is influenced by mainly folk music and classic rock, such as Pink Floyd, Neil Young and Sufjan Stevens, along with many others.

Nick LaFalce '10 took the next slot on guitar as well. Random fact: Nick's band from home is playing at Lehigh's Battle of the Bands on Saturday—the winner is the opener for the mainstream band, like our 311 or Ben Folds who played last

year.

LaFalce has been playing the guitar since he was eight, with a mesh of self-teaching and lessons along the way that has brought him to where he is now.

He found his musical motivation by listening to the radio. "I heard the bad music on the radio and wanted to sound better." You can hear his band at myspace.com/thetakenj.

Closing for the night was "Dolphin Party", with Dustin Moore, Senior Associate Director of the Muhlenberg Fund Development & Alumni Relations Life Sports Center, playing lead guitar, Ty Hooker-Haring '09 on bass, and Colin Hooker-Haring '10 on drums. Check them out at www.myspace.com/ilovedolphin-party.

A little trip down under

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

Oral sex. Kinda gross, but feels kinda good. The concept seems disgusting: you are putting your mouth on their hoo-has and ding-dongs. You are also going to get a salty little treat if you know how to work it correctly.

Oral sex can be awkward and makes many people uncomfortable, but once you relax enough to be able to enjoy it, it can, as that annoying, over-played song states, "give you tingles in a silly place".

Let's start with standard boy on girl. Not all girls like guys to go down on them. It's pretty much a make or break deal with us. We didn't invite you over to slobber all over us. Don't be gross. The tongue is the strongest muscle in the body for a reason. Use our body language and sounds as cues for where to go, what to do, and when to keep going.

Sometimes, if we're really into it, we like a little extra sensation. Time to introduce some manual labor, aka, use your fingers

as well. If we grab your hair, that's good. If we try to push your head away, that's bad.

If we take you by the shoulders and pull you on top of us, go with it. It means you did something right and now we're ready for the next step. Not all girls can orgasm from oral sex, but it can still be great foreplay.

Some of you guys may be nervous to give a girl oral. It's tricky business down there and it's not like there's a specific formula to make your girl orgasm.

Every girl is different, and requires a different technique. Forget what your friends in eighth grade said about spelling the alphabet out in cursive and trust your instincts. If you think too hard about pleasing your girl, you will lose spontaneity and the whole situation will become too technical.

Oral sex is supposed to be fun and pleasurable, not a job. And for all you guys who are too grossed out to go down on a girl? We can't force you to do anything, but just remember that you get what you give.

Time to move on to girl on boy. You boys loooooove getting head. We have never met a guy who has said, "No, seriously, please get your mouth away from my crotch. How was your day?" If there's a chance for you to get a little blow j, you're going to take it.

Now, at this point in our lives, most of us girls know what you boys like. We've often heard that there's no such thing as a bad blow job; they range from ok to amazing. Of course, there's the chance of an accidental tooth incident, but we won't go too far into that.

It might bring back painful memories for some of you guys. But moving on from that, it's pretty easy to tell what a guy likes. Whether it's fast or slow, deep throat or just the tip, balls or no balls, there are clear indicators. Anything and everything might work.

And no one says you have to swallow either. If a guy tries to tell you that that's the only way he likes it, well then he just won't get any. It's up to you

whether you want to swallow, spit, or pull away.

Lastly, there's our favorite number and yours, 69. Sometimes it's hard to split your attention between giving and receiving, but overall it can be an exciting experience. It you find the standard position of girl-on-guy too invasive, trying both of you lying on your sides, facing each other head to toe.

Oral sex is an extremely intimate and up close and personal act. You have to be comfortable with your partner and most importantly, yourself.

One sure-fire way to ruin the experience is by voicing your disdain towards oral. If you bitch and moan about how you're just doing this to get your partner to stop asking, this ruins it for both people. So suck it up. Literally.

You can now get in touch with Love & Life every day of the week! We are going to start accepting questions and answering them anonymously in our columns. Also, any suggestions or comments about future columns are welcome. Send your questions to loveandlifeweekly@gmail.com.

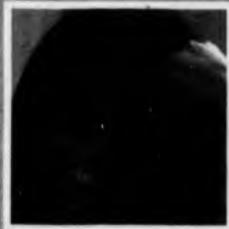
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WOULD THE TITLE OF YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY BE?



"Gypsy."
-Jess Taylor, '09



"Taking the road less traveled by."
-Cecilia de Souza, '10



"From Eden to Bethel: The Spiritual Memoir of an American Nomad."
- Kate Cartwright, Asst. director of community service and civic engagement



"Foot in Mouth Ain't a Disease or How I spent your Summer Vacation."
- Will Schmidt, '08



"Dana!!!"
- Dana Shuldiner, '11

Compiled by Ernie Marzco

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Weekend Listings



The Bucket List

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Sun. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

The Eye

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Sat. 5:20, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 5:20, 8:00, 10:20

Meet the Spartans

Fri. 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:50, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

27 Dresses

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Sun. 4:40, 7:10, 10:00

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Sun. 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

Rambo

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Fool's Gold

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Using maps to enhance research

By: Cathy Hodge-Bodart
CATALOGING & METADATA LIBRARIAN

Maps, globes and other cartographic materials are compelling objects. It is difficult to stroll past a map—any map—without stopping to look at it. From the ubiquitous road atlases we use to find our way around today, to the rare and lovely maps of earlier centuries, maps hold a special capacity to capture the attention and imagination of human beings.

What is the allure of maps? Is it symptomatic of mankind's need to know where we have been and where we are going? Is it that a map from a decade or a century ago can provide a snapshot of a place in time, allowing us to visualize the way things used to be in our grandparents' day?

Maybe it is because maps can illuminate a page of dense descriptive text and give us clear insight into how and why the world around us is changing? Or perhaps it is simply that maps can serve as metaphors for other journeys in our lives.

The first thing to remember is that maps can be used in literally every subject under the sun. Think beyond the familiar maps of transportation systems, political divisions and geography, and consider how people use maps every day to do their jobs.

Doctors, veterinarians and biologists use mapping to show the origin and spread of disease in human, animal and plant populations. Geologists consult and create maps

to measure how much glaciers have shrunk over the past hundred years or how volcanic islands have grown. Insurance companies use maps to analyze risk patterns. Linguists map the way accents and languages spread and influence one another, and where particular slang terms predominate. Corporations wishing to build new plants trace the U.S.

The beauty of the digital age is that anyone with access to a computer can locate maps online. Tax payer funded institutions are excellent free sources of maps and even satellite imagery. The U.S. Geological Survey is in the process of digitizing its entire collection. The Library of Congress has an extensive collection of historical maps available online. Many large academic and public libraries and museums with important map collections have digitization projects highlighting rare and noteworthy cartographic items. The American Geographical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries (http://www.uwm.edu/Libraries/AGSL) is just one example of a collection that has an extensive Global Information Systems (GIS) component in addition to its historical maps. Muhlenberg's own Trexler Library houses the Ray R. Brennan Map Collection that focuses on the growth and development of the Lehigh Valley area.

Maps that researchers commonly find helpful include fire insurance such as Sanborn maps, which are drawings of town and city blocks

that describe features like what materials houses and buildings are constructed of. They also provide incredibly detailed drawings of industrial and commercial buildings and properties. Federal and state geological and geographical surveys document zoning, land use, land cover, vegetation and soil composition.

Topographical maps show contours of the land and hydrographic maps show depths of bodies of water. There are soil maps and geological maps. Political maps can provide insight into the ethnic and cultural makeup of various regions, and can go a long way toward explaining the national psyches of states and countries in a complex world.

In addition to regular maps, aerial and satellite imagery can be extremely useful. Many of these images are available online through federal and local government sites, or on CD-ROMs where the imagery not only can be viewed, but also manipulated and customized if one has the right software.

Should one decide to incorporate maps into one's research project, it is important to remember that maps are someone's intellectual property and one should observe the same citation guidelines that are in place for books, articles and sources of information one might use.

Consult a style manual to see how map citations are written for footnotes or end notes. One thing to consider is that a map, unlike a book or other text source, is often

somewhat ambiguous about precisely who the author is, and one might have to cite the publisher as the party responsible for the intellectual content of the map.

Date of publication can also be somewhat tricky, since many large map companies, like Rand McNally, use date codes rather than an obvious date. If one comes across a map with a date code, there is a very helpful web site from the Western Association of Map Libraries that will allow one to decode it at <http://www.waml.org/datecode.html>.

The Trexler Library houses the Ray R. Brennan Map Collection in its Special Collections Department. Current maps produced by the USGS, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and other government entities are kept in Government Documents. Road atlases and other maps of local interest can be found in the Reference Collection. Maps can also be made available through Inter Library Loan (ILL).

So go ahead and give in to the urge to pour over a map or globe. There is a lot to learn and enjoy from it. Even fantasy and science fiction writers such as J.R.R. Tolkien recognize and incorporate maps into their works, the better to visualize the fantastical journeys of their characters. Using maps, we can follow mankind's own fantastic journey through time and space, and bring life and vision to research projects that may otherwise blend in with the crowd.

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Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Britney Spears Update:

Early Thursday morning, Britney Spears was taken to UCLA to be hospitalized once again. Spears' psychiatrist was at her house, and was concerned about Spears' growing erratic behavior and that Spears had not slept for days.

Spears was taken to the hospital under a 5150, as ordered by a judge. She was initially committed for seventy-two hours, but this has now been changed to fourteen days.

Despite many thinking that this hospitalization was spur of the moment, it was actually very well orchestrated, to avoid the chaos of the earlier January hospitalization.

Not only was the hospitalization heavily orchestrated, but the police also referred to Spears as "the package" while referring to her over their radios.

It has been reported that Spears was actually very calm when told that she was going to the hospital. Apparently, she even made herself a cup of hot chocolate while waiting for the ambulance, obviously a stark

contrast to her last hospitalization.

Shortly after being taken to the hospital, a dispute broke out between Spears' manager/friend Sam Lufti, and Spears' parents, even leading to Lufti verbally attacking the Spears parents to the media.

Following this, Spears' parents went to court and got a restraining order against Lufti. Britney's father also went to court to receive power over Spears' estate while she is hospitalized and therefore unable to manage it.

Recently, there have been rumors that Spears is angry that her father has power over her estate, and sent her lawyers to get the power back. In addition to all of this, Spears' attorney went to court for yet another custody hearing, but it was postponed until later in the month. Amidst all of this chaos, it has been reported that Spears is worth an estimated forty million dollars.

Current Events:

Eva Mendes is currently in rehab. This announcement shocked many when released this past week. Mendes, who has never been widely known for her partying ways, had jokingly admitted to drinking before

filming sex scenes.

The actress is currently at Utah's Cirque Lodge, the same place where Lindsay Lohan most recently went for rehab.

Eva's publicist just released a statement saying, "Eva has been working hard for the past year and made a positive decision to take some much-needed time off to proactively attend to some personal issues that, while not critical, she felt deserved some outside professional support. Out of respect for Eva's privacy, we do not wish to discuss further details."

Michelle Williams, Heath Ledger's ex-fiancee and mother of their two-year-old daughter, Matilda Rose, has spoken publically following Ledger's death.

Williams released a statement saying, "Please respect our need to grieve privately. My heart is broken. I am the mother of the most tenderhearted, high-spirited, beautiful little girl who is the spitting image of her father."

All that I can cling to is his presence inside her that reveals itself every day. His family and I watch Matilda as she whispers to trees,

hugs animals, and takes steps two at a time, and we know that he is with us still. She will be brought up with the best memories of him."

Singer Katherine McPhee married producer boyfriend, Nick Cokas. McPhee, 23, and Cokas, 42, married Saturday at the Beverly Hill Presbyterian Church.

McPhee told People magazine, "(Nick) is the love of my life... This is a once in a lifetime occasion and everything is just perfect." The two met in 2005 and got engaged last year.

Many are finally optimistic about the end of the writers strike due to a widespread rumor that there has been a great breakthrough in negotiations, and it seems that the strike will be over by the end of this week.

Many are very hopeful because not only would this mean the return of television, but a real Oscar ceremony as well.

Lily Allen, who has recently and publically had a miscarriage, has also broken up with her musician boyfriend, Ed Simons of Chemical Brothers. The two began dating in September.



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Mules trot to victory, smash records

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Fri., Feb. 1, three Mules competed in the Muhlenberg Pentathlon, and all three had a day to remember. Seniors Erika Koop, Adam Carter, and Paul Kegelman all posted personal bests at the meet. Koop placed third with 2,523 points, the third highest score in team history. She also won the shot put and had a strong performance in the 55-meter hurdle.

Carter recorded 3,042 points, winning the 1,000 meters and placed third in both the high hurdles and shot put as well. Kegelman rounded off the record-smashing day with 1,963 points.

A day later, the Mules found themselves at the DeSchraver Invitational

hosted by East Stroudsburg. Juniors David Chorney, Stuart Udis, and Timothy Van Syckle had first-place finishes in the mile, the 800 meters, and the 5,000 meters, respectively. Udis set a personal record and set an ECAC-qualifying time. Van Syckle also qualified for the ECACs, running the fastest 5K time in Team history.

Sophomore Alex Faust once again took first in the pole vault. Freshman Hannah Mitchell placed third in the 800 meters, which propelled her into fourth place on the Muhlenberg all-time performance list. Freshman Kim Bier ran the third-fastest 1,000 meters in Mule annals. Finally, the Men's 4X20-meter relay team qualified for the ECACs.



Junior Timothy Van Syckle (above) won his 5,000 meter race by nearly 15 seconds. Senior Erika Koop (left) posted 2,523 points in the pentathlon.

From goat to glory:

Eli Manning delivers an upset of "Giant" proportions

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

If someone asked me which five quarterbacks I would want to lead a drive with two minutes left in the Super Bowl, I'd immediately say Tom Brady and Peyton Manning as my top two. The other three would have to be debated for a while; however, I know exactly who I wouldn't want in the huddle... until now.

Eli Manning, with a little luck, delivered one of his best performances in the 4th quarter of Super Bowl XVII, as he completed 9 of 14 passes for 152 yards and threw two touchdowns, including one to Plaxico Burress for the game winning score with 35 seconds left in the game. Not only did he engineer the two long drives in the final stanza, but Manning also gave us one of the most

memorable plays in Super Bowl history, as he scrambled away from what seemed like the entire defensive line to complete a 32-yard pass to wide receiver David Tyree. Tyree, who didn't have a single touchdown in the regular season, caught a touchdown pass as well as the remarkable jump-ball reception, with safety Rodney Harrison trying to pry the ball away as he fell to the ground.

Not to be forgotten in this amazing performance was the defense, particularly the defensive line, which held the most prolific offense in NFL history to a meager 14 points. They sacked Brady 5 times and made the three-time Super Bowl winning quarterback merely average. To be honest, Michael Strahan, Osi Umenyiora, Justin Tuck, and Jay Alford (all four recorded sacks on the New England signal caller) should have

shared the MVP trophy for the game. Not only did this line get the sacks, but they knocked him down on over a dozen other plays, something that clearly rattled Brady throughout the game.

Even as an Eli hater, I can't just dismiss this game as "the Patriots blew their shot." Yes, the Patriots didn't play their best game. They probably came out a little flat, and weren't as creative offensively as in the past. They also went up against a team that has improved more than any other team over a playoff run. Since their 38-35 loss in the Meadowlands, the Giants have been on a mission to prove that they belonged in the discussion as one of the League's best teams. Eli didn't play the best, but he played well when it counted. And now, the Giants, and not the Patriots, are the best team in the League. They are the Super Bowl Champs.

Mixture of defense and offense key to pair of Mule victories

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This past week the Women's Basketball Team played two tough road games against some of the best the Centennial Conference had to

offer. With a chance to cement themselves into second place on their run towards the top, the team took to the challenge and won both road games. Defense was the key to the Mules' success.

On Wed. the Mules used a mixture of zone and man defense to stop almost everything the Ursinus Bears had to offer on offense. The Mules held Ursinus to 49 points as well as their leading scorer to a quiet 7 points. The Mules were led by freshman Kelly McKeon with 18 points, including 4 straight three-pointers in the second half to stop a Mule draught. They also received double figures from sophomores Lauren Boyl and Erin McSherry, who came up with her first career double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Junior Kaitlin Strumph has seen her minutes go up recently and took advantage of this by dishing out a team-high 7 assists. The win propelled the Mules into second place.

Last year Mules had real trouble against the McDaniel Green Terror. This year however, the Mules have done really well against the team from Western Maryland, evidenced by their win on Sat. The victory was a little different than many of the other wins the Mules have posted this year, in that they have typically been led by guards Boyle and McKeon. However, this time it was the post players leading the offense. McSherry led all Mules with 14 points. Also tallying double digits were sophomore Alexis Bates with 12 and freshman Sheila Cook with 10. Cook completed her third career double-double by grabbing 10 rebounds. sophomore Kaitlyn O'Malley reached double figures by contributing 11 points. McKeon was not completely absent from the stat sheet as she led the Mules with 6 assists in the Mules' 69-51 win.

This win was huge for the Mules, who had just moved into second place in the Conference. The Mules are 10-3 in Conference play, just a half game behind the 10-2 Dickinson Red Devils. The two teams meet here on Wed., Feb. 20. That game could determine the winner of the Conference, provided that both teams win out their remaining games. This year's team has had its rough spots, but they seems to be finding their stride on both the offensive and defensive ends at just the right time.



Senior Abra Like has recorded 44 assists this season.

Injured wrestlers take a loss

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

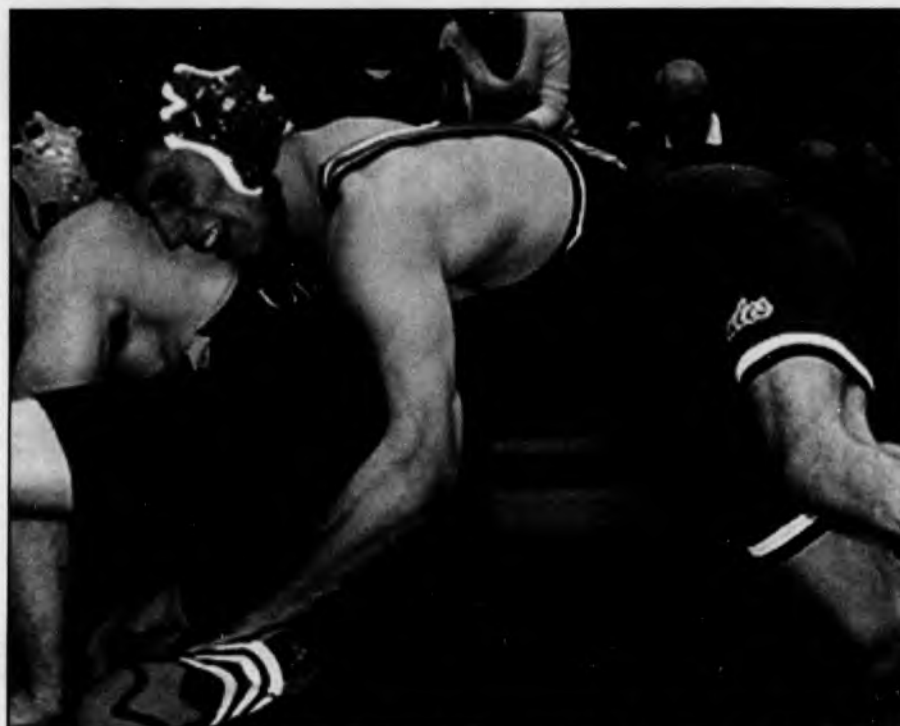
Injuries took out half of the team for last Wed.'s match against Ursinus (47-6). Only five of ten weight classes wrestled and three starters were out. Ursinus is a tough team, with five Centennial Conference Championships behind them.

The Mules forfeited the lower weights, including 125 lbs., 133 lbs., and 141 lbs. Wrestlers competed in the middle weights, but faced tough competition and were unable to gain any points. Junior Colin Gibson wrestled at 149 lbs., but was defeated 12-3. At 157 lbs., freshman Keith Swanson lost 9-1. Regular

starter and senior co-captain David Lavin lost the 165 lbs. match by a score of 10-4.

Weights 174 lbs. and 184 lbs. were also forfeited due to injury. Freshman Bill Sholly lost his match at 197 lbs. The only points of the meet were from senior heavyweight Joe Tartar. Tartar picked up his 10th pin in 1 minute and 37 seconds.

Following the tough match, the team was given several days off from practice to get healthy. The injury-stricken team is hopeful to recover and pick up more wins to improve their current record (2-7). This Sat., the College is back at Ursinus to wrestle McDaniel and Washington and Lee.



Senior wrestler Joseph DeCampo did not wrestle at 141 lbs. on Wed. against Ursinus. The Mules struggled with the many injuries hitting their team.

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Tues., Feb. 12 @ Swarthmore 7:00

Men's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 9 vs. Gettysburg 2:00

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Men's Basketball earns three-way tie for first place in Conference

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Muhlenberg Men's
Basketball Team had a rough
two away games this week as

they set out to conquer two of the toughest teams in the league, Ursinus and McDaniel.

On Wed. Jan. 30, the boys traveled to Ursinus for an 8:00 game. Both teams looked pumped and ready to go during the warm-ups which carried over into the exciting first half where the Mules only trailed by seven at halftime. However, the Mules lost their luster in the second half and Ursinus scored four of their first five three-pointers to increase their point margin. The Mules never came back from the deficit and lost 81-60. The sophomore class reigned during this game as Peter Barnes had his first career double-double, adding 10 points and 11 rebounds while Obi Nwizugbo scored 15 points followed by Ryan Foster with 11 points.

The Mules then had to travel on Sat. to take on the McDaniel Green Terror for one of their toughest games yet. The Mules came out victorious as they captured a four point win, 61-57. With two minutes left in the first half, the Mules led the Green Terror by 23 points; however, that lead decreased to three points three different times during the game, making the Mules fight for every basket as well as the win. This win ranks Muhlenberg in a three-way tie for third place in the Conference as well as McDaniel and Johns Hopkins.

Both the Mules and the Green Terror came ready to play this game. In the first half the Mules shot 61.5 percent from the field and made five of their eight three-pointers. The Mule's offense was what kept them in the game as the Green Terror forced 15 Muhlenberg turnovers.

The Mules maintained their double-digit lead with nine minutes left in the second half. However, McDaniel scored a three-pointer and reduced the lead to nine points. The Green Terror went on a 9-0 run making the score 50-47 and had a chance to tie the game with a three-pointer but missed. The game went back and forth but the Mules were always in the lead. McDaniel was forced to foul Muhlenberg in order to get possession of the ball and the Mules answered back by making seven out of ten free-throws which included four consecutive free-throws from junior Darrell Roth. McDaniel also had many free-throw attempts but only made 16 out of 33.

The last few minutes were worrisome for the Mules. They had 16 fouls called against them in the second half and two of their strong players fouled out with seven minutes left in the game. However, composure and the desire to win kept the Mules together and they finished the game strong.

The Mules had two real reasons to celebrate this victory: it was the first away game that the Mules had won out of six straight, and they truly battled and came out on top to capture the win. Junior Mike Bernardini and sophomore Peter Barnes scored 11 points. This was a career-high for Barnes as well as his second game scoring double figures. Sophomore Obi Nwizugbo added another 10 points.

The Mules have two home games coming up this week. First, on Sat. the Mules will host the 15-3 Gettysburg Bullets. The Bullets are second in the Centennial Conference at 10-2. On Wed. the Mules will face the lowly Swarthmore Garnet. The Garnet have staggered to a 5-14 record with only one win coming in intra-Conference games.



Sophomore Peter Barnes scores 2 of his 11 points.

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Politics with Dr. Michael Parenti

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

When the word "empire" is mentioned, many think of ancient Rome. Political analyst Dr. Michael Parenti, however, gave students new insight about the term last week at a lecture in Miller Forum.

Dr. Parenti presented "Political Perception & Deception: How to Think About Empire," on Feb. 7. He addressed the economic power of the United States and its role as a modern empire. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science, The Department of Media and Communication, the Multicultural Center, the President's Office and the Center for Ethics. Student Kirill Meleshevich '08 spearheaded the event by contacting Parenti.

"I first heard Dr. Parenti speak at a small college five years ago. This was the genesis of my interest," said Meleshevich. He has followed Parenti's work ever since. Parenti is the author of over twenty books and 275 articles. Recent publications include *Contrary Notions: The Michael Parenti Reader*, *Democracy for the Few*, *The Culture Struggle*, and *Superpatriotism*.

"He takes a very logical and rational approach to examining U.S. politics and international involvement," Meleshevich said. Much of Parenti's literature and lectures focus on the link between democracy and economic power, imperialism and U.S. interventions, and the role of past and present empires. Parenti is a board member of judges for Project Censored, the Independent Progressive Politics Network, Education Without Borders, and the Jasenovac Foundation. He is on the editorial boards for *New Political Science* and *Nature, Society and Thought*.

Parenti opened his speech addressing the issues of truth and objectivity. He noted that within political regimes, many facts are unquestionably accepted by the public simply because they fit

popular opinion.

"Radical views can be more reliable than dominant views," said Parenti. "They are not supported by the unanimity of bias."

In the latter part of his speech, Parenti moved on to discuss U.S. interventions in the Middle East, most notably the war in Iraq.

"The war in Iraq is not a stupid plunder but it's not justified in human interest," he said. He questioned Bush's emphasis on military spending and the President's lack-

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On Thurs., Feb. 7 Dr. Michael Parenti spoke to two of the College's Political Science classes during the day and gave a Center for Ethics lecture later on in the evening.

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President Helm voices opinion on government regulations

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

These past few weeks, President Helm has been lobbying to increase federal funded financial aid for economically challenged students. Last week, President Helm met with the presidents of Bucknell University and Albright University and the Pennsylvania Senators, Arlen Specter and Bob Casey, to convey that the Pell Grant, a federal grant whose maximum award is limited to \$4,050 per year for each individual student, needs to be increased.

President Helm explains, "The Pell Grant is still inadequate to help students from economically challenged families afford higher education. We are advocating for an increase up to \$5,100 per year, and while we may not achieve that level, we are hoping that the government can do more than it is."

President Helm has continued to support this message by corresponding with the Pennsylvania Representative, Charles Dent, and also by attending a board meeting in Washington for the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, where almost 1000 private colleges and universities give their input on legislative issues.

All of this lobbying corresponds with Congress' attempts to pass a reautho-

rization of the Higher Education Act. The Higher Education Act was established in 1965 to create scholarships and low-interest loans for students. It incorporates all federally funded student aid programs.

One of the main concerns for many colleges is that the government will try and establish new and intrusive regulatory and reporting requirements during reauthorization. President Helm

One thing that President Helm feels strongly against in terms of these regulations and restrictions is their impact on the intellectual independence of private institutions.

explains that "government over-regulation drives up operating costs and can be especially onerous for small colleges like Muhlenberg." Some of these unnecessary regulations have been eliminated

from the bill thanks to the lobbying of many college presidents. For instance, they have eliminated mandatory endowment spending policies and a ban on individuals employed in financial services from serving on the college board of trustees.

One thing that President Helm feels strongly against in terms of these regulations and restrictions is their impact on the intellectual independence of private institutions. The Federal government, particularly Margaret Spellings, the Secretary of Education, believes that they should set the standards for how col-

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Be responsible!

Let's face it. We, as students, can get away with quite a bit on this campus, or on any college campus, for that matter. For example, it's no secret that underage students drink. Everyone knows it, no one denies it. Is it in its commonality that we accept it and move on? Do we do things we know are wrong because if it's the norm, it's ok? But the real question remains: how far can we bend the rules; how far can we creep across that line until there's no turning back?

Whether we like it or not, we are now officially adults, and need to start taking responsibility for our actions and words. The recent vandalism at the College shows that we so-called adults maybe aren't ready for a real world where it won't just be the Campus Police on our tails. And while we hardly think this college is made up of criminals, we do believe that it is time to grow up. No one should have to live in a filthy, dilapidated dorm, especially if it was not by their own doing. Those responsible should realize everyone else they are impacting: the other residents, the housekeepers, and future attendees to this school. Even the school's image is at stake. We know that responsibility is a word that has haunted us since our parents deemed us old enough to know the meaning, and it follows us still. We won't always be able to hide amongst the sea of students or the vagueness of unsigned anonymity, always having the comeback, "how do you know it was me?" It will catch up if it doesn't change.

As for us? Our personal responsibility lies with The Weekly, where our words will be read, judged, and sometimes argued. Having a voice comes with a risk that others won't agree, but as editors we must take responsibility for the words on the page. No matter the topic, whether it's controversial or strictly campus news, each article comes with a name. We put ourselves out there, and it is up to us to follow our instincts and hopefully have the courage to back them up. We are proud of the messages we write in this editorial and we want the College to know that it us who says these things. We hope that eventually the rest of the campus will act with the same pride--as adults not ashamed to take responsibility for their actions and their words--rather than juveniles using anonymity to remain in the world of children.

Re-think late night munchies

By Ethan Feinstein
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

After a late night out with friends, many of us find ourselves in the line at GQ to fulfill a craving. Before going back to the dorms, attending to that late night hunger seems to be essential for students. Many opt for the fried and high-calorie foods within an hour of the time they plan on sleeping. These habits aren't exactly the best way to maintain your body weight. Deep fried chicken tenders, french fries, fried hash browns, greasy pizza, and egg sandwiches on carb-loaded white bread bagels are popular items consumed. Foods available like apples with peanut butter, yogurt, or eggs with whole wheat bread, are unfortunately bypassed. How are students supposed to be aware of the nutritional content of their favorite foods served by the musically inclined late-night staff? The menus posted don't show any nutritional stats, and the only items on which nutrition facts are available are those which are pre-packaged.

The popular late night bagel bomb, with a fried egg, slice of cheese, two pieces of bacon on a plain bagel has a whopping 630 calories and over twenty grams of fat. This caloric monstrosity boasts nearly double that of a McDonald's Egg McMuffin. This sandwich IS like a bomb, as it packs on the calories and fat to students' bodies as they blindly consume. Moreover, only two fried chicken tenders can bring in up to 350 calories with over fifteen grams of total fat, and that's without the mound of french fries served with it! These highly caloric snacks eaten so late turn more quickly into fat, as the body's metabolic rate slows down during sleep.

Late-night snacks are essential for most students after a night of partying, but there are alternatives that won't pack on pounds. Swap a plain bagel for whole wheat which supplies both fiber and whole grains. Go for fruit, which costs a mere twenty-five cents, along with a packet of peanut butter. A banana has only seventy calories and about two tablespoons of peanut butter adds up to around 200 calories.

Look for alternatives that serve up more protein than fat. Grilled chicken breasts have fewer than 180 calories, less than three grams of total fat, and upwards of twenty grams of protein. Another great snack is oatmeal, a known super food around the world. Oatmeal helps fight cancer, promotes weight loss, and cures hangovers. Its complex carbs and fiber will help keep you feeling full for longer.

It's tempting to gorge on fried foods on a late-night jaunt to GQ, but it's important to think about what you eat. Next time you stumble and impatiently find yourself standing in line at GQ after a night out with friends, avoid temptation and keep your waistline in mind, for the fried foods will merely pack on the pounds.

Muhlenberg: the next biological weapon?

By Amy Cohen
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

It's around that time of year again--the dreaded cold and flu season. You know it's in full swing when the guy behind you in your earliest morning class has given up taking tissues to class and has now resorted to lugging an entire roll of Bounty paper towels, and your dorm hallway has turned into a wasteland of greasy Chinese food containers, old chicken soup cans, and empty cups of tea from Java Joe's.

So for those of you that have miraculously managed to not get infected by the plague, keep up the good work with a few tips to stay healthy these next few weeks until Spring Break.

First off, get plenty of rest. We all laugh at Mom when she reminds us at the end of our weekly phone calls to get some sleep. You're in college and sleep is so overrated,

right?

There is no shame in going to bed before midnight so you can get your 6 to 8 hours. Besides, being zombie-like the whole next day is no fun either. If you're burning the midnight oil to get a paper done or because you're the master of procrastination, then be sure to nap the next day. College students could major in the art of napping, so take advantage.

Eat right. One cannot live off of Cup of Noodles and bagel bombs alone. Balanced meals keep your energy up and your immune system healthy. So many of us are over-scheduled with classes, clubs, sports and work, so it's understandable that sometimes three square meals aren't possible.

Definitely fit it in whenever possible, and when you can't, try to snack. The goal is to keep your caloric intake equal to your caloric output so that you don't feel run

down. Quick snack foods with vitamin C (like fruit) are really helpful for packed schedules and students on the run.

Hand Sanitizer is your friend. Remember that kid sitting behind you with the faucet for a nose and the paper towels? Every time someone sneezes, the germs can travel up to three feet away from the original scene of the sneeze and can live on the surfaces they land on for hours. That means potentially your desk.

And if you touch that desk and then go to eat the apple you brought for a snack before class starts, don't be surprised if you're the one dragging the tissues next week. You definitely don't have to be a germaphobe to think that's gross.

However, Purell can solve this problem. Most gel hand sanitizers are extremely effective at killing these germs and even come in mini-bottles that can fit on a key chain for convenience.

Stay hydrated. The cold winter weather means less humidity in the air to keep everything moist. Dry air passages in your nose and throat are extremely susceptible to germs because they crack and let contaminants into your body faster. Drink water and try to stay away from caffeine because it's extremely dehydrating and only makes the situation worse.

While turning Muhlenberg into its own biological weapon may sound funny, in reality, everyone being sick isn't so much fun.

Taking care of yourself may sound completely obvious, but it's amazing how much we let slip for the sake of convenience.

There is a bright side for those of you already infected: most colds only last a week and you feel terrible for just a few days. And having your mom Fed-Ex frozen homemade chicken soup can be the perfect form of penicillin.

Obama and Clinton: What's the difference?



Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

A common question that is starting to come up when making the important decision on who to vote for in this year's primaries and eventual general election, especially on the democratic side, is whether there is really any difference between the two major candidates?

This is a dead issue for the GOP at this point since John McCain has more or less locked up the nomination, but even if you consider Mike Huckabee still as a contender, their

policy and ideological differences are clearly defined. If you are a staunch conservative, an Evangelical or Chuck Norris, you support Huckabee; pretty much everyone else in the GOP will vote for McCain.

It isn't that easy for the Democrats, where it has become increasingly clear that this will be a twelve-round fight to determine the nominee. Races that haven't been significant in recent years, like Ohio, Texas, and Pennsylvania now will likely determine the winner in a race that may not end until May or June.

The excitement and voter turnout in this democratic race is unprecedented, although in reality it could do nothing but aid John McCain in the general election if Obama and Clinton are really forced to slug it out over the last weeks of the primaries.

Obama and Clinton are both trying to make history as either the first African-American or female President in United States history, we all know that. Yet, beyond their differences in race, gender, and age, what else really separates them from each other?

A quick glance at their stance on

the issues on the *New York Times* website doesn't really show a high degree of separation on anything. Both candidates want to expand health care vastly, both are pro-choice, both have similar strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, both have nearly identical voting records and ideals on immigration and both have similar ideas on the economy.

The only difference appears to be that Obama has never supported the war in Iraq, while Clinton originally voted in favor of it and since then changed her mind. She also proposes a much slower troop withdrawal than Obama.

The ratings both have received from their time in the Senate are also staggeringly similar. The AFL-CIO gave both of them a ninety-three percent pro-labor rating, the liberal organization Americans for Democratic Action gave them both a ninety-five percent rating. The American Conservative Union also gave them identical eight percent rankings.

The only somewhat major difference in their ratings is that Clinton received a sixty-seven percent to Obama's fifty-five percent as pro-business. They have also voted in

agreement ninety-four percent of the time during their years together in Congress.

Where is the difference? A closer look does reveal it is a little more than splitting hairs. Obama wants to provide affordable healthcare but give individuals an option to join his plan or pick their own. Clinton wants to form a universal coverage plan that is mandatory for everyone to join.

They also have differing votes on whether or not America should use cluster bombs in civilian areas. Clinton and Obama have also disagreed on whether or not to enter discussions with hostile foreign leaders, namely Iran's President, with Obama being in favor of direct discussion and Clinton not.

Obama is probably a touch further to the left than Clinton. Many people will vote for her because of her experience or because they liked her husband.

Many people will vote for Obama because of his superb public speaking skills and the energy surrounding his campaign.

Overall, it isn't going to be policy differences that determine the primary's winner, it's going to be much more simple than that.



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Challenging the Patriot Act

By Blaine McFeeley
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Simply attending Muhlenberg College, or any American college or university for that matter, is a dangerous act. This danger is occurring because of the United States Government's continuous reauthorization of the U.S.A. Patriot Act (Whose official name is United and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act).

There are numerous ways in which each and every college student's livelihood may be endangered, and it would be impossible to discuss every one of them here. But it is obvious that there is a dramatic and negative impact upon our college, as well as the colleges and universities across America.

The U.S.A. Patriot Act has a blatant disregard for the civil liberties of all Americans, especially those who they deem to be of "special interest."

For example, a Muslim male at Muhlenberg College between the ages of 17 and 40 would be labeled a "special interest" person by the government.

On our campus, a few of the very important ways that you could possibly be affected without even being aware are within our library. Since September 11, the F.B.I. has gained the right to obtain library checkout records, so long as they have "probable cause."

The problem is that the definition of "probable cause" has been widened by this law so that simply being a "special interest" person qualifies as being "probable cause." But "probable cause" can also encompass any number of other wide-ranging reasons. ACLU, the

group who was largely responsible for leading the fight for African American rights, says about your library records, "The F.B.I. does not even have to show a reasonable suspicion that the records are related to criminal activity, much less the requirement for 'probable cause' that is listed in the fourth amendment to the Constitution. All the government needs to do is make the broad assertion that the request is related to an ongoing terrorism investigation."

Once "probable cause" is given a number of dangerous and tyrannical acts can be taken by the F.B.I., which some would say is an arm of the executive branch. The F.B.I. then has the right to go through personal records, including financial and medical records.

This could then lead to detention, sometimes an undetermined length of detention, without ever being informed of the charges that are against them. Because of these new laws, students at the College must risk their privacy and possibly their freedom in order to complete an assignment and earn a passing grade through research at the library.

Outside of the library, your privacy on campus is additionally invaded through your telephone. The F.B.I. has the right to eavesdrop on any "suspected terrorist" outside or inside our domestic borders; the problem, however, is that the F.B.I. has no fool-proof way of knowing which numbers the terrorists are using. As a result, any phone number, including your own, may be tapped in hopes of catching a terrorist.

The even larger problem with these record searches and wiretapping is that it is almost impossible for the school to inform you that your records have been searched.

The school would have to challenge the gag order that is always connected with the search.

This challenge is always stacked in favor of the government though, and makes it almost impossible to inform you of the search.

And hypothetically if a staff member from the College believed that you had the right to know that your library records were searched and told you so, they could go to jail for five years.

At the College, it is not simply your records and phone conversations that are endangered, it is your right to know that your room was searched. The F.B.I. now has the right to search your dorm room, under the guise of it relating to terrorism, and not inform you of their invasion for at least seven days, but often months or years. The problem is that since this act was passed, eighty-eight percent of the warrants had nothing to do with terrorism.

The list of dangers to your life, livelihood and privacy at the College goes on and on, including government control over everything from the types of assignments teachers are allowed to assign you, to events, such as protests, that students are allowed to hold.

It seems that we have returned to the time of America's fight for independence. Our rights inside and outside our homes have been stolen from us. We have returned to a time when the government has complete control over what you can do, and the right for you to have your home be a realm of privacy.

According to Andrew Napolitano, Superior Court Judge in New York and Fox News Channel's Judicial Analyst, "The Federal Government has circumvented the Constitution and is systematically dismantling the rights and freedoms that are the

foundation of American democracy."

He challenges Americans to recognize that they are being led down a very dangerous path and that the cost of following without challenge is the loss of the basic freedoms that facilitate our pursuit of happiness and that define us as a nation.

Over 400 communities and schools across the country, including two entire states, have passed resolutions or laws stating that they have concerns about all or part of the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

Tonight at the College Student Government meeting at 7 p.m., a resolution will be voted on, which expresses the Student Body's concerns with the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

It is now the responsibility of the students of the College to express our beliefs that our rights can and should be protected at the same time as our security. It is our responsibility not only as citizens, but also as students, to stand up for our fellow students, faculty, staff, and civil liberties. It is the responsibility of every one of us to stand up and make a statement, because if we don't, we are letting a wrong be committed to any and every student at the College. How do you know that you are not on a watch list right now? To be blunt, you don't, and that is the power the Patriot Act has given the U.S. government.

And because you don't know who is being watched, the opposition of the College as citizens of the United States to this act is vital to the existence of the College's academic community and the democracy of America.

Standing against this act may seem trivial, but each individual and campus has a voice, and together, can have an impact on the future of our entire country.

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Second annual CFC benefit: Raising awareness for Cystic Fibrosis

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Next Sat., Feb. 23, the second annual Cystic Fibrosis on Campus Benefit Dinner will be held. The event will be taking place in the Great Room in Seegers Union at 6:00 p.m., and all money raised will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Admission to the dinner is \$15 for students and \$25 for others.

Cystic Fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive systems of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States.

CFC was founded last Feb. 2007 by Joe Armenti '10, President of CFC, and Jordan Sones. It is the first organization of its kind that focuses on students at the college level bringing awareness and raising money for the fight against Cystic Fibrosis.

Student involvement is essential to the success of CFC, and there are plenty of opportunities on campus for students to get involved. For example, in addition to attending

the benefit, students can purchase CFC wristbands, and make the effort to recycle their empty inkjet/laser printer cartridges and old cell phones in the designated boxes that have been placed by CFC in dorms around campus. CFC donates all proceeds toward raising money for CF research; just check out the organization's website at www.cfoncampus.org.

The Cystic Fibrosis benefit dinner is the organization's biggest fundraiser of the year.

"We are looking forward to another very successful dinner. We had a great turnout last year, and this year we plan on having even more students attend. Members of the surrounding community are some of our biggest supporters and it's great that we can hold an event to bring them together in show of support for the cause and our organization," said Jordan Sones '10, Vice President of Cystic Fibrosis on Campus (CFC). Dinner will be served buffet

style, with a special performance by Noteworthy thrown into the mix for some dinner tunes. Furthermore, the head of the Lehigh Valley chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation will be in attendance to support the efforts of CFC.

"This dinner will be a great way

of celebrating our past accomplishments as well as looking to the future," said Kristen Peacock '10, Secretary of CFC. While the RSVP date has passed for the benefit, there are still spots available for those who wish to attend. For more information contact Angela Lucci '10.



Cystic Fibrosis on Campus (CFC) is anticipating a successful benefit dinner on Sat., Feb. 23 in order to increase their donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JORDAN SONES '10

Protecting the halls of Walz, Prosser, and Brown

Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

Last Fri., Feb. 8 the Office of Residential Life requested that Campus Safety start making daily walkthroughs in Walz Hall, Prosser Hall, and Brown Hall to discourage the trashing and vandalism that has been constantly occurring this semester.

The trashing and vandalism has been especially bad in Walz Hall, but in all three dorms there have been many incidents of cups of urine and tobacco spit left around for other students to knock over, trash left in the bathrooms, hallways, and water fountains, obscenities written on the mirrors in the bathrooms, and incidents of defecation in the sinks.

There have also been many incidents of students

running through the hallways at 2:00 a.m. or 3:00 a.m. screaming and knocking on doors. These problems do not just occur on weekends, but have become a common, everyday occurrence.

"I think it is important for the students who are causing these problems to understand that there are other students who this activity is really bothering. They are disturbing a quality of life in the residence halls. We hope to put an end to this type of activity," explains Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security.

At first, the Office of Residential Life wanted to bring in an outside security company to walk through and check up on the dorms, but decided to request the serv-

ice of Campus Safety, instead.

Since then, an officer has been walking through and patrolling each dorm around three times every eight hours. So far there has

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-Ken Lupole

only been one incident that Campus Safety has had to address since last Thursday.

Students' responses to this new system have been fairly negative so far. Many

freshmen have already joined a Facebook group petitioning against Campus Safety's new presence in their dorms. Ken Lupole explains, however, that Campus Safety did these walkthroughs in all of the dorms about three years ago at the College and statistically the amount of students referred to the Judicial Process did not go up.

In fact, the number of alcohol related citations had actually gone up since Campus Safety terminated their walkthroughs in the dorms.

"We're not out to get students, we are just looking for students who are disrupting the quality of life for other students. Mainly, we find it nice to just stop and talk to students and be on a positive note

with them. By walking through the dorms, we can stop these activities from getting out of hand," Lupole explains.

He also reiterates that what has been going on is unacceptable not only because it is a health hazard, but because it is completely disrespectful and unfair to the housekeepers. As of now, no timeline has been given in terms of Campus Safety's presence in the freshmen dorms but Lupole predicts that there will most likely be a reevaluation of the situation by Residential Life, the Dean's Office, and Campus Safety in the future.

Until then, Lupole and his men will be keeping the halls of Prosser, Walz, and Brown safe and clean for students at the College.

First Student Body meeting of the semester

By Meredith Clinton and
Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITORS

The Student Council, now recognized as the Student Government, came together on Tues., Feb. 12 to discuss last semester's accomplishments and this semester's new business.

Some of the Student Government's accomplishments from last semester include: Brought Graduation Pledge Alliance Program to campus, conducted Student Athlete Auction for "Dance for a Cure", conducted multiple meetings of the Student Body Association, helped run and promote Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, extended working hours of General's Quarters on Thursday nights, established wireless Hotspots in dorms and academic buildings on campus, and allocated Student Activities Funds to student organizations for numerous programming activities.

This first meeting of the semester was intended to give students the opportunity to speak with Allentown City Council members but unfortunately due to the inclement weather, they were unable to attend.

The first order of business brought to attention was the changing of Student Council's name to Student Government. The reasons behind this change were to be on par with all other

student government in both the Lehigh Valley area and the nation. Student Government also feels that this title deems them more respect from administration and faculty on campus as well as other schools and organizations off campus.

This change was followed by some announcements about upcoming campus events. Michelle Yost '08, Executive Secretary, informed the student body that the men and women's basketball teams will be hosting the "Think Pink" breast cancer research fundraiser this Sat., Feb. 16.

Adrian Shanker '09 spoke about the upcoming Pennsylvania Primary Elections on April 22. Shuttles have been arranged to transport students to voting locations. Shanker emphasized the importance of student participation in such an important election. Voter registration will begin tomorrow on campus for any students who have yet to register.

With the recent selection of an architect for the Seegers renovations, Scott Gordon '08, Student Body President, reminded students to attend the upcoming focus groups so that the Student Body can have their input on the new design.

The meeting was concluded with a reminder by Yost that there is a student leader brunch this Sun. Feb., 17 and all our welcome to attend. The next Student Body meeting will be held on Tues., March 18.



Scott Gordon '08 along with the Communications Committee (from left), Heather Mill '10, Rachel Berger '11, Michelle Yost '08, Sara Keller '10, and Jana Elfenbein '11, helped to plan the first student body meeting of the semester on Tues., Feb. 12.

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"Cover your Lover" for National Condom Week

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, National Condom Week has a long history of educating the nation on how the correct and consistent use of condoms effectively prevents sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and unintended pregnancies. Recognized during the week of Valentine's Day, it has grown in popularity as students nationwide embrace the opportunity to learn more about their contraceptive options and become educated about protecting themselves from STDs.

The need for condom awareness is based on startling health statistics. The United States has the world's highest rate of curable STDs, with 19 million new cases reported annually. However, many individuals are unaware of their STD status, and unknowingly infect their partners.

In honor of this week, the College's Health Center has worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Health to raise awareness about STDs and the importance of condoms with the Cover Your Lover campaign. On Tues., Feb. 12 and Wed., Feb. 13, there was a table in Seegers where students could receive information on STDs, and there was also free HIV testing on Wed., Feb. 13 given by the Allentown Health Bureau. Even though the events for this week were in light of National Condom Week, students should remember that the Health Center can always be contacted for STD testing.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health also sent the College

1,000 free condoms that will be distributed throughout today, Valentine's Day. There have also been warning sign posters in various places on campus advertising the suggestion that whether or not you can see the symptoms of an STD with your partner, one should always proceed with caution.

Here are some surprising facts regarding STDs that have been provided by the College Health Department: twelve million new cases of STDs occur annually in the United States, two thirds of persons who acquire STDs are under age 25, and women are particularly vulnerable to STDs because they are more biologically susceptible to certain STDs than men and are more likely to have asymptomatic infections that result in delayed diagnoses and treatment.

Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania is offering free condoms: to anyone who requests them in all of its medical centers. Medical centers are located in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Hazleton, Reading, Scranton, Stroudsburg, and Wilkes-Barre. Find the nearest center by calling 1-800-230-PLAN.

Planned Parenthood has provided the following fun facts about condoms; in 1844, Charles Goodyear obtained the first patent on a crepe rubber condom, in the 1920's, vending machines made mass distribution of condoms possible for "protection against disease" even though there was a federal law prohibiting the sale of contraceptives, and it is estimated that over 5 billion condoms are used each year globally.

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luster aid to other national programs.

"Meanwhile, programs for disabled children are being cut by the White House. Libraries close early. Federal programs are cut. College costs rise," Parenti said.

Students and faculty had the opportunity to meet Parenti before his lecture at a reception in the Multicultural Center. Speaking with students, Parenti mentioned that he began his Yale collegiate studies in literature and psychology, but eventually shifted his interest to political science. "I like to say that I'm a recovering academ-

ic," joked Parenti.

Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center, noted that the center plans to host more speaker receptions. "The setting here is great for that. It allows a guest and students to talk and ask questions informally," said Drayton-Craig.

In the case of Parenti, students were able to discuss current politics with a scholar holding vast experience in the field of political science.

"The school does a good job of bringing a wide range of speakers to campus," said Meleshevich. "I hope this one can open some eyes like it did to mine."

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leges are judged and accredited.

This completely disregards the system that was developed generations ago by private institutions that entails peer reviewed accreditation and considers the context of each college's mission and culture. "I believe that we do not want the Federal Government imposing a one-size-fits-all test for colleges and universities", says President Helm.

At the NAICU board meeting, President Helm says that many of the other private institutions agreed with his opinions on increased federal funding and government overregulation. President Helm explains that "there is strong consensus among independent colleges and universities that the federal government should increase support for student aid and should not inject itself in decisions regarding the

curriculum or other educational prerogatives of individual institutions."

President Helm wrote an opinion editorial piece on these topics, which is featured on the College's website. In this piece, Helm criticizes the newly drafted report on the Future of Higher Education because it "ignores too many of the current system's strengths and assets and discounts too many of its triumphs to represent a helpful contribution to the national dialogue on higher education." To support our College along with other private institutions all over our country, President Helm urges us all to write to our senators and representatives, emphasizing the importance of the higher education system. If we take action as a student body, we could possibly be graduating with less debt, along with protecting a system that has worked efficiently for so many years.

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Attention all students, staff, and faculty!

Expansion and Renovation of Seegers Union

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS WRITER

Planning and Program efforts are underway for the expansion and renovation of Seegers Union. "We involved the Muhlenberg community in the selection process of the Seegers Union architects; resulting in our finding the excellent firm of Bruner/Cott from Cambridge, Massachusetts. We will continue to involve members of our community in order to bring our best to the renovations and expansion of Seegers Union," said David Rabold, Capital Projects Manager of Plant Operations.

The goal of all administration that is involved with the ongoing project is to maintain the intimacy and vibrancy of Seegers, while enhancing its ability to accommodate additional student activities and to provide for a more up-to-date and enlarged food-services program.

"We are thrilled at the prospect of being permitted to build upon what is already a

very popular and successful program space on our campus," said Rabold.

Glenn Gerchman, Director of Student Union and Campus Events, also plays an integral part in the Seegers Renovations. He is currently trying to organize focus groups made up of students, faculty, and staff to get as many opinions and ideas as possible before making any permanent decisions.

The planning team and the architects will be on campus conducting a series of meetings on Thurs., Feb. 21 and Fri., Feb. 22. The dialogues being held for students on Feb. 21 will be at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. for students in Seegers' rooms 108-109. These will be two separate one hour sessions.

For faculty and staff there will be a one hour session held at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 21 in Seegers' rooms 108-109. In addition to these focus group sessions, the planning team will be conducting user surveys and establishing a website to receive input and distribute information on this exciting project.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 5 - Injured Student - A student tripped on the steps in Seegers Union and injured her ankle. She was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 5 - Sick Student - A student from the third floor of Walz Hall reported feeling weak and dizzy. She refused transportation to the hospital.

Feb. 5 - Sick Employee - An employee reported feeling sick while on the B level of Trexler Library. He was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 6 - Injured Student - A student from the third floor of Walz Hall reported feeling dizzy and nauseous from hitting her head. She refused transportation to the hospital.

Feb. 6 - Injured Student - A student reported having a pain in his rib while in the Empie Theatre in the Center

for the Arts. He was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to fried chicken at 2241 Liberty Street.

Feb. 7 - Fire Alarm Sounding - That same fire alarm went off an hour later because the residents continued to cook their fried chicken.

Feb. 8 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - The plastic window of a jeep was slashed at 2235 Gordon Street. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 8 - Suspicious Activity - A student reported possibly being drugged in their drink at Liberty Street Tavern. Campus Safety is unable to prove or disprove this at this time.

Feb. 8 - Vandalism - Hard boiled eggs were placed in

front of a student's door on the second floor of Prosser Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 8 - Injured Student - A student injured his chin while playing basketball in the Life Sports Center. He was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 9 - Residential Policy - Two individuals were cited with disorderly conduct and underage possession of alcohol outside of Martin Luther Hall. They were setting off fireworks in the quad and were also found with additional possession of fireworks. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn on the second floor of South Hall.

Feb. 9 - Liquor Law - A student was found with underage possession and consumption of alcohol on the first floor annex of Prosser Hall. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 9 - Institutional Vandalism - A student smashed the glass of a fire extinguisher cabinet on the first floor of Walz Hall. The student was identified by his Residential Advisor and he will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 9 - Motor Vehicle Theft - It has been reported that a College employee has been using one of the Plant Operations trucks without permission. This matter is being investigated by Campus Safety.

Feb. 10 - Noise Complaint - Three individuals received a noise complaint at 2259 Turner Street. They will be

referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 10 - Sick Student - A student from the first floor of Benfer Hall reported having stomach pains and body aches. She refused transport to the hospital.

Feb. 10 - Theft - The boards were ripped and the locks broken off of Java Joes in Seegers Union. It is unknown at this time what was taken.

Feb. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from cooking at 439 N. 23rd Street.

Feb. 11 - Theft - A staff member left her purse unattended in Room 111 of Seegers Union and when she went back to retrieve it the wallet had been removed. There are no suspects at this time.

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"Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get."

- Tom Hanks as *Forrest Gump*

Master Choreographers: inspires the college community

By Tracy Miller
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

With four sold out shows the Master Choreographers dance concert awed the audience with each of the seven pieces. Ranging from classical ballet to sassy tap to afro-contemporary modern dance, Muhlenberg dancers expressed infinite talent and grace.

Several dancers not only exerted their bodies in one piece on stage but also performed in multiple and even back-to-back numbers such as Laura Mayerson, '10 who switched roles from contemporary ballerina in Zane Booker's ballet, *Presence Unknown*, to an organically moving modern dancer in visiting lecturer, Corrie Cowart's *Affinities*.

While each dancer in this piece was individually talented, it was the precision and versatility of the dancers that made it such a treat. Each of the fifteen women exemplified mastery of Cowart's choreography, enabling their individuality to get lost for the sake of the greater image of infinite bodies gliding across the stage.

Another back-to-back performer, Scott Schneider, '11 was intensely breathtaking in Assistant Professor of Dance, Charles O. Anderson's *Evidence of Things (un)said*, which he performed directly after putting forth the utmost poise and charm as

the male lead in the recreation of Anthony Tudor's *Continuo*.

It has been an exciting year for Anderson; he was the Recipient of the Pew Fellowship in the Arts, named "One of 25 to Watch" in 2008 by Dance Magazine, and finally had enough Muhlenberg men to choreograph an all male piece titled, *Evidence of Things (un)said*, which opened with a voice over reciting a text written by Essex Hemphill with contributions from the cast.

The words became distorted and muffled as the piece intensified, allowing the audience to wonder what is meant to be heard or unheard, said or unsaid. The opening lines of the text set the tone for this troubled piece by stating, "If you are hearing this, then I have failed."

However, the sound, stage, and dancers became nothing but a blur as Schneider came forward into the light; the audience was drawn to the luxuriously long limbs of his extending body. The men were moving in what seemed to be entranced motions as they flung their limbs about the stage with rhythmically pulsing bodies.

The choreography was a combination of refreshingly new movement interlaced with traditional African steps familiar to any dancer who has taken Anderson's class.

Also incorporating afro-contem-

porary movement into her piece, Sarah Carlson, Assistant Professor of Dance, choreographed *Gathering Soul*, which opened the show with an all female cast. With beautifully constructed crimson costumes, the dancers twirled across the stage, enabling their skirts to spin around their hips.

Live accompanist, Maureen Jerant, and five female student vocalists helped to create an incredibly interdependent relationship between motion and music, dancers and drummers. Two dancers especially captured the essence of this spiritually invigorating piece; Ashely Taylor, '10 and Erika Samsky '11 not only moved with confident grace, but they performed with igniting passion streaming through their body and facial expressions.

It was this passion that told the story of *Gathering Soul*, as the dancers came together for the greater cause of female empowerment via discovering their inner spirit. The eight women danced harmoniously together and fought through struggle, which was repeatedly exemplified by dragging hands down their faces, as if washing away sins.

After a physically energized section, the bodies collapsed to the floor, where they continued on to rebuild one another by giving each

other energy, providing strength to move on. After another section of high-energy movement, the women began to calmly come together as if a connecting force, perhaps spirituality was uniting them.

Other highlights from the show came from the restaging of Anthony Tudor's romantic ballet, *Continuo*, as three duets were danced with technical perfection and epitomized grace. Closing with Dance lecturer, Shelley Oliver's, tap number, *3 EZ Pieces*, the audience was brought to a point of astonishment as the dancers created taxing rhythms on top of live musicians.

Referred to as "A GAP commercial with unique stylization and inventive flare" by an audience member, this piece made the audience want to get up and dance, which was demonstrated by the outburst of applause at its closing.

Also receiving tremendous applause was Kathleen Bibalo's, Lecturer in Dance, *15 Step*. While the ensemble section could have demonstrated stronger uniformity, the opening duet Lindsey Howard '08 and Michael Biren, '08 was brilliant as they moved like one body split into two; their connection, trust, and passion for each other was exuding out of their exceptionally strong bodies.

The concert was truly unforgettable for all who experienced it.

Oscar preview 2008: the best of the best

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY FILM CRITIC

Here are my predictions for the major categories of the Oscar's scheduled for March 2 this year.

Best Motion Picture:

Atonement, *Juno*, *Michael Clayton*, *No Country for Old Men*, and *There Will Be Blood*.

No Country for Old Men was the only nearly perfect film to come out of theaters this year. Everything from the acting, to the editing all the way down to the subtle details that the Coen Brothers captured made for the best film this year. *No Country...* has already won the Golden Globe for best drama.

Best Actor:

George Clooney in *Michael*

Clayton, **Daniel Day-Lewis in *There Will Be Blood*** Johnny Depp in *Sweeney Todd*, Tommy Lee Jones in *In the Valley of Elah*, and Viggo Mortensen in *Eastern Promises*.

Daniel Day-Lewis is extremely selective in the projects he undertakes. Every few years he decides to end his multi-year vacations and take on a very challenging role.

This year was no exception. His performance as an oil tycoon proves that he is one of the best, if not the best, actor of his generation.

Best Actress:

Cate Blanchett in *Elizabeth: The Golden Age*, **Julie Christie in *Away from Her***, Marion Cotillard in *La Vie en Rose*, Laura Linney in *The Savages*, and Ellen Page in *Juno*.

Julie Christie, far and away, gives

the strongest of all the performances.

Her portrayal of an aging woman suffering from Alzheimer's Disease is the most authentic and emotional performance of the five nominees. She should bring home her second, Best Actress Academy Award (her previous was in 1965 for *Darling*.)

Best Supporting Actor:

Casey Affleck in *The Assassination of Jesse James*, Javier Bardem in *No Country for Old Men*, Philip Seymour Hoffman in *Charlie Wilson's War*, **Hal Holbrook in *Into the Wild***, and Tom Wilkinson in *Michael Clayton*.

Hal Holbrook gave the most memorable and emotional performances in the past decade. He should be rewarded for everything he had done for the film industry the last

sixty-six years.

Best Supporting Actress:

Cate Blanchett in *I'm Not There*, Ruby Dee in *American Gangster*, Saoirse Ronan in *Atonement*, Amy Ryan in *Gone Baby Gone*, and **Tilda Swinton in *Michael Clayton***.

The under-appreciated Tilda Swinton gives the strongest performance of her career. Most pundits are predicting the other four candidates to win; but it's Swinton's dedication to her work that gets my vote. Her role contains a number of extremely unflattering shots which earned my deepest respect.

All of the actors deserve some sort of recognition, but there are those who are more worthy than most. We will, of course, have to wait to find out.

NOT a tupperware party

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

This isn't your mother's tupperware party. This isn't about food storage and keeping things fresh. It's about being fresh. And a little naughty. It's a sex toy party.

What exactly does a sex toy party entail you ask? Well, this past weekend we hosted one for some of our closest girlfriends. (Rule #1: No guys allowed. You can show them what you learned later.) It starts with your everyday living room being turned into a showcase for all things sexy.

The presentation starts with a game to warm everyone up to each other; in our case, it was "Never Have I Ever." The person, who, at the end of the game, turns out to be the most experienced, gets the privilege of wearing the penis lei for the rest of the party.

Then the guests are told probably the most important rule of the night: lick left, smell right. The first half of the party entails a demonstration of lubes

and lotions, some of which are edible, some of which are not.

So you can lick anything you test out on your left hand, and enjoy the scent of anything you put on your right hand.

During one extra tingly part of the party, our presenters showed us two products that especially caught our attention, particularly after we learned that they were some of the company's best selling items.

Both products are meant to be rubbed on your most sensitive part (you know what part we mean).

One makes it warm and wet; the other makes it cold and tingly. When asked for volunteers to escape to the bathroom and test it out, four of us eagerly raised our hands and dashed out of the room, Q-tips in hand.

A few minutes later, the participants returned to the living room with a spring in their step and a smirk on their face.

For the rest of the night, they were squirming in their seats due to the long

lasting sensations. We were given the suggestion of putting the product on before going out on the town to ensure that there was, at the very least, a party in your pants.

From razor burn-free cream, to lotion that makes your nipples tingle, to a spray that works with your pheromones, there were lotions and lubes for anyone and everyone.

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Then the night switched over to a presentation on those special toys that you can use alone or with someone.

We were shown The Rabbit, made popular by *Sex & the City*, as well as various cock rings and vibrators, each for his and her's pleasure.

We also learned the difference between a dildo and a vibrator. Most of us thought that a vibrator was for external use while a dildo was for internal use, but, in actuality, a vibrator is anything that is battery operated.

We got the opportunity to pass around the different toys and learned that the way they feel on the tip

of your nose is similar to how it will feel on your most sensitive parts down-stairs. As to how it will feel, in a word: good.

We would definitely recommend a sex toy party to anyone who is in the mood for a fun and educational night. Grab a group of your closest girlfriends and a bottle of wine and contact After Dark.

Claire Young and Sammy Lenore are Muhlenberg campus' own adult toy distributors. Get in touch with them by emailing AfterDrk08@gmail.com. They'll show you why "the heat rises when the sun goes down."

Since this is the Valentine's Day article, we recommend spicing up this special day with your special someone. Stock up on your favorite After Dark sex toys and lotions and repay your boyfriend for that super expensive dinner he just took you out to. He'll be more than grateful.

Remember, we're still accepting questions and comments at loveandlife-weekly@gmail.com. Happy Valentine's Day Muhlenberg!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT?



"Marshmallows!"
-Danny Ryan '09



"Ice cream sundaes!"
-Dana Sampson '10



"Cake. Any kind of cake!"
-Becca Zafran '09



"Reese's Peanut Butter Pie!"
-Melissa Berman '09



"Peanut Butter Pie!"
-Justine Ide '10

Compiled by Esme Marzou

AMC Weekend Listings



The Bucket List

Fri. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
Sat. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
Sun. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20

Definitely, Maybe

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Jumper

Fri. 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

27 Dresses

Fri. 4:30, 7:40, 10:15
Sat. 4:30, 7:40, 10:15
Sun. 4:30, 7:40, 10:15

The Spiderwick Chronicals

Fri. 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
Sat. 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
Sun. 5:30, 8:00, 10:30

Step Up 2: The Streets

Fri. 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
Sat. 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
Sun. 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

Fool's Gold

Fri. 4:30, 7:40, 10:15
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Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins

Fri. 4:00, 7:10, 10:00
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Adele: haunting and beautiful

By Alex Nagoriski
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Take the video evidence of drug abuse off of Perez Hilton.com and YouTube and you're left with looking at Amy Winehouse through a musical lens rather than as another troubled wreck of a modern pop star.

Now take the soulful sound she brought back to the mainstream market and intensify that to incorporate not only aspects of jazz and pop, but also soul, R&B, and folk.

What you're left with is the new nineteen-year-old British sensation, Adele. With a haunting and beautiful voice that far exceeds her age, she has recently become all the rage across the pond.

After her self-released debut single, "Hometown Glory," (about her place of origin, Tottenham) caused

her to become a hit MySpace artist, and independent record label XL Recordings signed her as quickly as they could.

As a result, her premiere album was just released worldwide and has begun to already spark much attention in places such as Ireland and Australia, as well as a British and American tour that is nearly almost entirely sold out already.

Truly capturing the airwaves is Adele's melancholy self-evaluation anthem, "Chasing Pavements." It is currently at the top of the U.K. Top 40 singles chart for the fourth week in a row. "Should I give up or should I just keep chasing pavements even if it leads nowhere? Or would it be a waste even if I knew my place, should I leave it there, should I give up?" she sings over a beautiful orchestration full of everything from percussion to strings to

piano.

Undoubtedly the most "mainstream pop" track on the record, it is clearly the song that has deservedly put Adele on the map.

Other tracks, such as the lead off "Daydreamer" and "First Love," do not have the same big band feel as "Chasing Pavements." In fact, in comparison these songs are very stripped down and have a very raw, acoustic feel to them.

Tracks such as the bittersweet breakup song, "Cold Shoulder," still remain within the smoky café genre of the rest of the record, yet at the same time manage to have the feel of wanting to hit the dance floor.

Fitting in perfectly to the diversity of the album is the refreshingly original cover of the Bob Dylan classic, "Make You Feel My Love." No offense to Mr. Dylan, but Adele makes the song completely her own.

She gives the listener the illusion that they are inside of a dark, isolated European bar watching her pour her entire heart and soul out on a tiny stage.

Whether or not the United States will embrace the brilliance and uniqueness of Adele the same way so many other places already have, nobody can say for sure. However, anyone with an ear for good music will surely be spinning her record in no time.

Rapper Kanye West even recently posted "Chasing Pavements" on his blog site, describing it as "dope." In December, Adele was awarded with the first ever Brit Awards Critic's Choice prize and won BBC Music's *Sound of 2008* poll for new artists about to emerge in the new year. With a resume like that, it is only a matter of time before Adele explodes into a global phenomenon.

Dr. McEwan sheds light on *There will be Blood*

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY FILM CRITIC

Every semester for about three or four weeks, the Muhlenberg Film Studies Program teams up with the Civic Theater of Allentown to bring a discussion forum to the movies. For three weeks this semester, three well-respected Film Studies professors will lead discussion groups following the screening of independent films. This week was the first of a three week series.

As Associate Director of the film studies program, Dr. Paul McEwan led this week's discussion following a showing of Paul Thomas Anderson's *There Will Be Blood*.

On Wednesday, Dr. McEwan brought his seven years of film analysis expertise to the citizens of Allentown. The film, combined with the discussion afterward, made for one of the most enlightening and enjoyable movie experiences the Allentown community has ever participated in. It was a whole new way for the general public to appreciate all the subtle pieces that go into the art of film and the messages in each one.

Film critics across the country have thrown around the words "epic" and "masterpiece" to describe Mr. Anderson's film. Dr. McEwan summed up his feelings on the film with his quote: "It sounds funny to say that a film is about 'America,' but this one is."

Set in California at the turn of the century, Daniel Day-Lewis plays Daniel Plainview, a gold miner who, purely by accident, discovers oil on his land. He realizes the value of the oil and begins his own drilling company with his partner and son H.W. (Dillon Freasier).

One night, a young man named Paul Sunday (Paul Dano) visits Plainview's office. Paul sells Plainview information about his family's ranch, which he says has an ocean of oil underneath it.

Plainview and H.W. travel to the Sunday Ranch and, while pretending to hunt quail, confirm what Paul had told them.

That night, Plainview negotiates the sale of the ranch with Paul's twin brother, Eli (also Paul Dano) in exchange for \$10,000 towards the building of the Church of the Third Revelation; Eli is the charismatic

preacher and faith healer of the town. But despite all of his prosperity, Plainview cannot escape his flaws.

As the film progresses, his personal life spirals out of control. He drinks too much he hates all people and H.W. becomes deaf after a drilling accident.

Day-Lewis confirms himself as one of today's finest actors with his performance. The film is told entirely from Daniel Plainview's point of view, as evidenced by his presence in nearly every scene of the movie.

His performance could put him among the likes of Al Pacino, Jack Nicholson and James Cagney; all actors who knew exactly how and when to "ham up" their characters.

Mr. Day-Lewis has already won this year's Golden Globe for best actor and, in the case of the Academy Awards, the four others nominated for Best Actor may as well begin to practice their fake smile and congratulatory clap because he has the Oscar pretty much wrapped up.

After all of the final credits rolled, Dr. McEwan took center stage in front of an audience of

nearly forty-five people. He began the discussion by conveying two points that stuck out in his mind from the film.

His first was how the film depicted the dangers associated with the building of America. "We see what's left, the monument, such as the Empire State Building and the railroads, but we don't see the lives lost building them, this film reminds us." The second point he made was to identify the presence of many themes, most notably the conflict of religion versus capitalism.

At the beginning of the discussion it was mostly students and teachers who spoke. It was only after Dr. McEwan called on a woman, not affiliated with the college, that other people gained the confidence to speak their minds, and from that point on the discussion flourished.

Dr. McEwan said that this was one of the best discussions he has led as he cited a comment that was made by an Allentown Resident. "I usually see films as entertainment. I forgot that it is an art that can be studied. Thank you for reminding me."

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Britney Spears Update:

This week, drama continued to unfold in the Spears camp. Recently hit with a restraining order, it has now been exposed that former friend and manager, Osama Lufti, had asked Spears for money, though denies ever taking any. It has been exposed to the court by Jamie Spears' attorney that Lufti asked Spears' business manager, Howard Grossman, for money.

Attorney Jeryll Cohen said, "During the telephone conversation, Mr. Grossman [Brit's business manager] told me that he had numerous e-mails from Osama (Sam) Lufti in which Mr. Lufti made various demands, including demands for money. Mr. Grossman told me he did not comply with Mr. Lufti's demands." Spears continues to be escorted around by a new bodyguard that was hired by her father recently.

Current Events:

Last month, rumors began cir-

culating that actor Ryan Reynolds and actress Scarlet Johansson were engaged. Johansson's rep immediately denied the engagement. Despite this denial, rumors have sparked again, due to the fact that Johansson and her mother were seen shopping for wedding dresses at Monique Lhuillier in Los Angeles. A source stated that they "stayed awhile."

The writer's strike appears to be finally over. It has been announced that the three month strike cost the economy two billion dollars. Due to the end of the strike, which will be finalized Wednesday, the Oscars will take place as usual.

Michelle Williams was seen returning to work in New York City, following the death of her ex-fiance and father of their child, Heath Ledger.

The actress just arrived in New York following the burial of Ledger in Australia. Ledger was laid to rest this past week in his hometown of Perth. There was a small service, concluding with his close family and friends running into the ocean at sunset, believing it to be what he

would have wanted.

The celebrity-frequented Hawley Arms Pub in London was part of a horrible fire in the famous Camden market. The pub where Kate Moss and Amy Winehouse were known to frequent is a pop culture landmark, and one of the many famous landmarks that was part of this fire.

Toxicology results for Brad Renfro arrived, announcing that his death was the result of a heroin overdose, and that the heroin was injected. The death has been ruled an accident.

Recently out of rehab, singer Amy Winehouse performed at the Grammy Awards, and took five out of the six she was nominated for home.

Winehouse looked very healthy during her performance, which was aired via satellite from London since could not arrange travel.

Following her wins, singer Natalie Cole publicly spoke out, saying that it is sending the wrong message to reward the troubled singer.

She said, "I'm going on record as an artist who is able to critique

[Amy Winehouse]. I think she has a great talent, but I don't agree with the Grammys giving her those nods. I think it sends the wrong message, that even in the midst of her stupor of drugs she can get nominated for all these awards. It's a slap in the face to musicians and artists who work very hard that they turn around and give it to someone who really obviously doesn't have a grasp of what she has.

I've been in this business over twenty-five years and I sacrificed five years of my own life on drugs and almost lost my life because of it. So I take great offense to almost see someone getting glory out of being in the position that they're in. She needs to get her life together and embrace her craft, she will lose it if she doesn't get it together."

Rumors have spread that singer Fergie and boyfriend Josh Duhamel are expecting a baby because, at the Grammys, she was sporting a suspicious bump. It is also being reported that she now wants to move up her wedding date so that her alleged pregnancy is not too obvious when she walks down the aisle.

MAC Concert Board: delivering entertainment

Last Wednesday, MAC made the exciting announcement that *Third Eye Blind* is this year's spring entertainment. Most students will now have no choice but to put the concert out of their minds in favor of focusing on their studies, until tickets go on sale. But the Muhlenberg Concert Board does not have that luxury. Although their work is not exactly just beginning, the bulk of it has just begun.

As early as fall semester, the Student Activities Office receives the list of artists that are performing at colleges and universities. Based on this list, a survey is created and sent out to the entire student body, in order to determine the most popular artist. The Office must then contact the entertainers, so they can decide whether the first choice of the student body is within the Concert Board budget and available. If all goes well, the winner of the survey is then brought to campus.

Second semester begins the majority of the work. This Wednesday, the Concert Board had a meeting in order to introduce newcomers to the goal of the Board, and explain why all of the one hundred plus volunteers are needed. The Board is split up into five committees, each assigned a specific task that is essential to a successful event. Some of the committees include Production, Hospitality and Security. Last year, all five committees worked together wonderfully and were responsible for making Ben Folds' visit to Muhlenberg a success.

The Board will be working hard long before the concert and even long after *Third Eye Blind* has left campus in order to make sure that the event runs smoothly. So, when you're there having fun, make sure you find someone in a bright colored shirt and say thanks. Or, if you would like to get involved with The Concert Board, come to a MAC meeting on Wednesdays at five in the Red Door.

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I wanna write for it all
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Bittersweet day for wrestlers

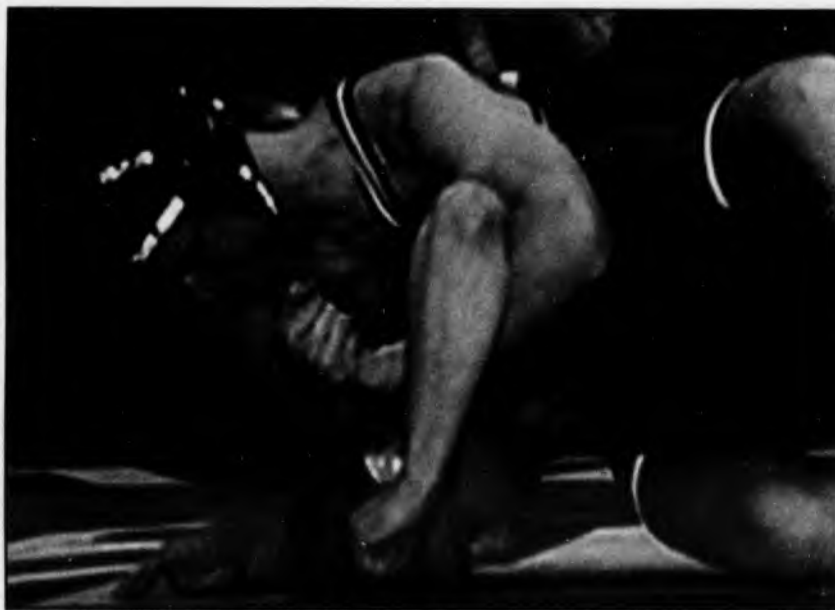
By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last Saturday the College's Wrestling Team faced its final regular season Centennial Conference matches. They came away with one win against Washington and Lee, 25-15, and one loss against McDaniel, 25-18. Juniors Billy Hall and Justin Fitch went 2-0. 141-pound Hall added two pins to his record. Both were recorded around 1:53 and 1:03. Hall will be going into the CC Championship Tournament with a winning record of 24-4.

Fitch, at 174 lbs., beat his W&L opponent 8-4. His match against McDaniel's 144-pounder also ended in victory by decision, 4-1. At 157 lbs. junior Matt Friedman took control late in his first match. He came out on top, winning 5-4. The upper weight

classes provided the points to win the dual meet. Senior Chris Swenson won 8-5 at 197 lbs. Shortly after, senior heavyweight Joe Tartar beat his opponent by a major decision of 11-1. Muhlenberg's momentum carried into the match with McDaniel. They won the 133 lbs. class by forfeit. Hall's second pin was followed by senior co-captain Joe DeCampo's close victory, 7-6. Another win wasn't seen until Fitch wrestled at 171 lbs. and that was the last win of the day.

The wrestlers had a few days off last week after a tough match against Ursinus. "We are still a little beat up," says senior co-captain David Lavin, "but are working to be in shape for the Conference Championship." It was a bittersweet day for the wrestlers. Now they prepare for Friday evening's match-up against Messiah.



Junior Matt Friedman won his 157 lbs. match.

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Sat., Feb. 16 vs Johns Hopkins 4:00

Wed., Feb. 20 vs Dickinson 7:30

Men's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 16 vs Johns Hopkins 2:00

Sat., Feb. 20 at Dickinson 7:30

Track and Field

Fri., Feb. 15 Lafayette Rider Games (NYC Armory) 6:00

Wrestling

Fri., Feb 15 @ Messiah 7:30

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Some good news and some bad:

Mules ranked nationally but drop nine game home winning streak

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Some exciting news came in for Muhlenberg Men's Basketball this week: they are ranked 24th in Division III for field-goal percentage, holding their opponents under 40 percent shooting in nine of their wins.

Other good news came for the Mules on Jan. 6 as they defeated Haverford, winning their sixth straight victory at home. This game was a fight between two of the best defensive teams in the league, and like most of the other games the Mules have played this season, they started out strong but ended up in a close nail-biting finish.

The Mules played the first half spectacularly, starting off on a 20-0 run

and creating a 27-9 lead. The score had been tied 8-8, but after sophomore Obi Nwizugbo scored a free-throw, the lead went to the Mules and never left.

However, with three minutes left in the game, Haverford came back and closed the point margin to four at 60-56. A lot of leadership came from the juniors in this game as Darrell Roth and Mike Bernardini hit 10 free-throws down the stretch to secure the victory.

Bernardini scored 20 points while sophomore Pete Barnes had another career-high game totaling 15 points. Roth contributed another 13.

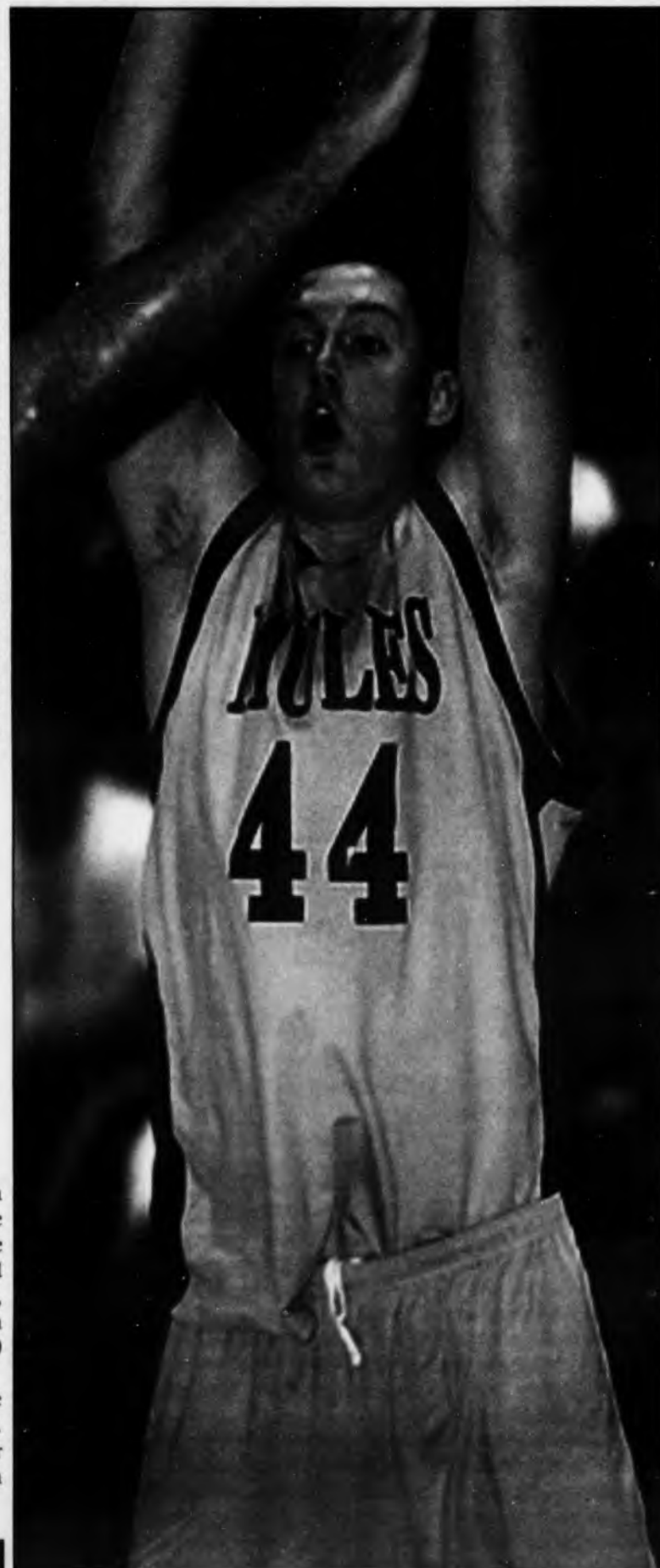
Some bad news came for the Mules at the end of the week when their nine home game winning streak was smashed by the

Gettysburg Bullets.

The Bullets shot out in the second half with a 18-4 run, putting the Mules down by a deficit of four points which they could not recover from. The Mules tried to come back but in the last possessions could not come up with a three-pointer to tie. The Bullets hit the rest of their foul shots to come up with the victory.

For the fifth straight game Peter Barnes matched or set his career high in points, this game with 17, and also contributed three blocked shots.

The Mules were still able to hold Gettysburg to under 40 percent shooting; however, this loss dropped them into a tie for fourth place in the Centennial Conference with McDaniel.



Junior Tim Murray's clutch free-throw shooting halted a late Haverford run.

Track and Field Team reaches new heights at Bucknell Winter Classic

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Muhlenberg's Track and Field Team has certainly made a habit of breaking records so far this season. On Sat., Feb. 9 the Team competed in the Bucknell Winter Classic Division I meet, and found the same success they have all year.

Breaking his previous school record, junior David Chorney qualified for ECACs as he raced in the 3,000 meters. Freshman Abby Simons qualified as well, but in the 1,000 meters.

Chorney and Simons shared the spotlight with teammate Brendan Kirk '10 who finished seventh in the 400 meters. Kirk also qualified for the finals in the 55-meter hurdles and then helped his relay team to a first-place finish in its heat by just one-hundredth of a second.

For the Women, sophomore Lauren Conicella had a strong performance in the 800 meters with a time of 2:28.91. For the Men's squad, sophomore Jeremiah Lachaud finished the 55 meters in a time of 6.73, and junior Stuart Udis along with freshman Bobby Torphy also performed well in the 800 meters.

Next up for the Mules is a trip to the Lafayette Rider Games on Fri., Feb. 15. Hopefully they will be able to continue their record-breaking ways and keep their team on the winning track.

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Women's Basketball wins game and shows support for fight against breast cancer

By Josh Goldstein

WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This week the Women's Basketball Team only played one game, traveling down to Philadelphia to play against Bryn Mawr. The Mules were looking to capture their fourth straight win as they continue to dominate the Centennial Conference. The Mules trailed 4-0 before taking control of the game in a decisive 63-38 win. The Mules would go on a 14-0 run to take a 10-point lead and would have as big as a 15-point lead in first half. Freshman Sheila Cook and junior Lauren Boyle led the way for the Mules in the first half with a combined 17 points.

The second half was more of the same from the Mules. They achieved their biggest lead of the game, 28 points, just over eight minutes into the half by capping a 21-6 run with a lay-up by sophomore Kaitlyn O'Malley. The Mule lead would not drop below 23 and they would match their 28-point lead two more times. The Mules were led by Cook and Boyle who finished with 18 and 13 points respectively. Boyle also contributed a team high 8 rebounds, followed by freshman guard Kelly McKeon who contributed 6. Senior Abra Like helped the Mules' cause with a team high 4 assists. The Mule victory boosts their overall record to 16-5 and their intra-Conference record to 11-3. The win also keeps them one game ahead of Franklin & Marshall for second place in the Conference and just one game behind Dickinson. The Mules will host the Red Devils on Wed., Feb. 20 in a game that could decide the regular season Centennial Conference champion and which school will host the Conference Tournament.

As many of you may know, this week is "Think Pink Week" and the Women's Basketball Team is doing its part to help out. "Think Pink Week" raises awareness about breast cancer and is a chance for the community to raise money to help the cause. The fun starts Friday when the girls will have a table in Seeger's Union selling pink ribbons and collecting donations.

Then Saturday stop by the gym for both the guys' and the girls' games against Johns Hopkins at 2:00 and 4:00. The gym will be decorated in pink and the fans are encouraged to wear as much pink as possible. The players and referees will all be wearing some form of pink during the day and collections will be made at the first stoppage of either half during the Men's game. Please come support the teams and a worthy cause in the fight against breast cancer.



Left: Freshman Kelly McKeon dishes out 1 of her 6 assists against Bryn Mawr.



Right: Sophomore Lauren Boyle scored 13 points against Bryn Mawr.

MCTV makes a comeback

Dr. Shirley Tilghman speaks about coeducation



Students in the Special Topic: Studio Workshop/Film-TV class get together to plan the upcoming week's programming schedule.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. DAVID TAFLE

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

As of last Mon., Feb. 11, Muhlenberg College television has been revitalized. New programs every week air on channel 21 at 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 11 p.m. Mon. through Sat., and 12 a.m. and 2 a.m. on Sat. and Sun. MCTV has been inconsistently active on campus for the past several years. This past year, channel 21 has been a blank blue screen for most hours of the day. That has all changed thanks to new technology and Dr. Tafler, the Associate Professor and Department Chair of Media and Communications. He is currently teaching the special topics class, Studio Workshop/Film-TV, that is being offered for the first time this semester.

MCTV started prior to Tafler's arrival in the fall of 1995. At the time, the College did not have the resources or technology to keep the programming running on a constant basis.

Students who were part of the MCTV club had to not only design their programming but also walk it over to Ettinger each time they wanted it to air. Due to the lack of technology and the small size of the College, there was no way for MCTV to fulfill its potential. "The production ebbed and flowed, depending on student interest," Tafler explains.

Jen Gutman '08, President of MCTV, was frustrated by the exigencies of the club. Most members neither had the time nor the experience needed to put on a production each week and Gutman did not have the time to train them. Now through this experimental course, students are trained to use the editing programs and projects are due each week. "Because MCTV is now a course offered at the College, production has become much more structured and students actually

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By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

In light of the College's celebration of 50 years of coeducation, Dr. Shirley Tilghman, President of Princeton University, spoke on behalf of the Center for Ethics on Thurs. Feb. 14. The idea for a lecturer on the topic of coeducation came about last year with Dr. Judith Ridner, Director of the Center for Ethics and Associate Professor of History, and Patricia DiQuinzio, Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies, both of whom were on the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.

The pair was charged with planning the academic side of this year's celebration. "We both wanted to bring a woman to campus that would embody women's accomplishments in the work world over the last 50 years, while also being able to speak in meaningful ways about how much still needs to be done in the pursuit of equality moving forward," said Ridner.

DiQuinzio and Ridner immediately thought of inviting a female university president, business leader, or writer to the College, but were discouraged after learning how much a speaker might cost. This is where Dr. Amy Hark, Assistant Professor of Biology and Co-Director of the Biochemistry major, became of some assistance.

Dr. Tilghman was Hark's Ph.D. thesis advisor in the Department of Molecular Biology at Princeton University. Through this personal contact, Dr. Tilghman very graciously agreed to donate some of her time to come to the cam-

pus and deliver a lecture.

The night began with an admirable introduction from Dr. Hark who spoke of Dr. Tilghman's ongoing enthusiasm and excitement for science, her outstanding abilities as a teacher, and how she is completely committed to the entire college enterprise. "I have always admired Dr. Tilghman's ability to convey her knowledge of and enthusiasm for science to others. She is an outstanding communicator and committed to excellent teaching at all levels

Personally, I am extremely grateful for her support of my interest in a career focused on teaching and working with undergraduate students and for her mentorship in this regard. Of course, she is also a brilliant scientist and I also benefited greatly from her clarity and insight in approaching a scientific question," said Hark.

Tilghman joined the Princeton faculty in 1986 as the Howard A. Prior

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Dr. Amy Hark, Assistant Professor of Biology and Co-Director of the Biochemistry major (left), and Dr. Shirley Tilghman, President of Princeton University (right).

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Represent yourself

It seems quite funny to us that we are writing yet another editorial on the issue of change, but it is an election year. Usually, change is quite a big issue. Nationally, and here at the College, elections are currently taking place. The Berg is seeking to elect a new Student Body President, and there are three candidates vying for support. Traditionally, the Weekly supports one candidate for President and lists all the reasons why they should win. We feel however, that that would merely be another form of propaganda. The students are already being swayed by a million outside sources, so why should we add our opinion to the mix?

Hit with platforms for change from all sides, it is easy for us all to become lost in a sea of promises and proposals. Choosing a representative can be daunting, as there are so many questions that need answering. One of the most important questions is, who can actually morph their promises into a reality on this campus? After reading and discussing the candidates' different platforms, we were immediately drawn to the ones with specifics. Abstract ideas of togetherness and strength in numbers could easily be skimmed over, while the realistic and simple plans were the easiest to latch on to.

Persuasion is key to any election. Who our friends support impact us possibly more than the debates themselves. We have a lot in common with our friends, so why should we fail to take their opinions into consideration? What we hear "on the streets," so to speak, tends to influence us a bit more than it probably should. So, try to listen for what's best in your opinion. In the end, it's not our job to tell you to vote for someone. It's something you must decide for yourself.

Think about what you believe would personally make this campus better. As students, we have more power than we think. This college is here for us and it is what we make of it. If there is something you want to see happen, say a coffee cart in the library, for example, propose it. You may be surprised to know who is listening. Ultimately, the race comes down to which candidate will represent all our individual voices and it is up to you to decide who is the best person for the job.

Your dorm room snack swap

By Ethan Feinstein
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

A laptop, TV, iPod, and food are necessities for every dorm room. Snacks can be even more important than our electronics, for it keeps students satisfied and energized at all hours.

However, there are foods that can be substituted to pack in more nutrients and value into a diet. Students look for foods that are convenient, inexpensive, and tasty to fulfill their craving. Who doesn't love a cheesy bowl of Easy Mac?

Unfortunately the bowl of goodness packs in forty grams of carbohydrates and up to six grams of total fat; although convenient it is not the best go-to dish for snacking. A snack that is as equally warm and even more satisfying comes from our favorite Quaker. Add water (or even milk), microwave, and stir. No, not Easy Mac, but instant oatmeal is a great snack any time of day. It's inexpensive and lasts forever.

To keep the calories low, go for the Regular flavor which has zero grams of sugar. For sweetness add honey or jelly. For breakfast, add sliced bananas to keep full throughout the morning.

Granola bars are also a great snack. It's clear that granola bars like Special K ninety calorie bars, are low in calories, but there are others packed with sugars that we all assume are healthy. Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Vanilla Yogurt Bars have one hundred and forty calories and fourteen grams of sugar, and Nature Valley's Crunchy Granola bars bring in one hundred ninety calories with eleven grams of sugar. Granola bars like these are advertised to seem wholesome, but there are others that are more beneficial. Try a FiberOne Oats & Chocolate Bar: with a whopping nine grams of fiber, these delicious bars help you feel full for longer. Kashi TLC bars are low in sugar, contain fiber and all have more than 5g of protein and are packed with heart healthy Omega-3s.

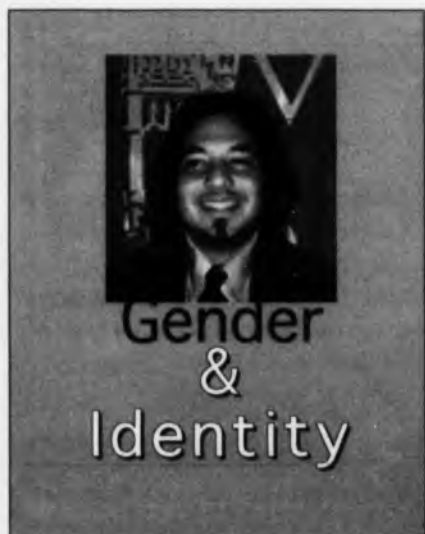
A few handfuls of crackers add eight grams of total fat to mindless snacking. Instead, eat more cheddar Goldfish and intake less calories, fat, and sodium. With even less fat than the originals, grab the pretzel Goldfish. But everyone needs their dose of sweetness.

For chocolate lovers, one Herhsey's milk chocolate bar has three hundred calories and eleven grams of saturated fat! Compare that with the Cookies 'n' Crème version and save over two hundred calories and eight grams of saturated fat.

Although one hundred calorie packs have just that-one hundred calories, little to no

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More than a few bad apples...



Adrian Shanker
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

The reason? King often wore jewelry, make-up, painted nails, high heels, and self-identified as gay. To his peers, this was "freaking the guys out."

The shooter is facing up to fifty years in prison and is being tried as an adult for King's murder.

While certainly deserving of punishment for such a hateful, brutal, and pointless crime that cost the life of yet another queer person, the societal problems are not even being recognized.

According to the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition, there have been over fifty brutal murders of youth under age thirty in the past ten years solely as a result of their gender identity or expression.

Eighty-eight percent of those victims were people of color, and nine in ten were biologically male (fifty under thirty report) and yet our society has not even begun to address gender-based violence.

Some of these deaths received virtually no media attention while others were major stories, and yet no laws have changed on the national level, and instead has become up to states, municipalities, and organizations, including workplaces, colleges, and school districts, to enact their own gender protections.

We are lucky to live in Allentown, a city that is the proud owner of a non-discrimination ordinance inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity.

And I am proud to attend a college that was receptive to amend our own anti-discrimination policy at the request of the Gay-Straight Alliance and myself in Oct. 2005 to include gender identity.

But policies alone are too passive to claim to create safety; an institution can and should do more to enhance gender safety on campus.

Muhlenberg has come a long way with the creation of the Sexual

Assault Resource Team, the appointment of Anita Kelly as Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender (LGBT) Coordinator, the addition of the Multicultural Center and Rainbow Space, the distribution of condoms at no cost at four campus locations, and the availability of emergency contraception in the Health Center. But all this and our non-discrimination policy still limit us in our image as a gender-safe campus.

Lawrence King was shot and killed because he expressed his gender in a non-conforming way. Meaning he did not present himself as a stereotypical male.

He felt most comfortable being, acting, and dressing as who he was - which was certainly gender non-conforming. At Muhlenberg, many of us do not conform to every gen-

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On Feb. 12, Lawrence King, an eighth grade student at E.O. Green Junior High School was shot point blank by a fourteen-year-old classmate.

Where did John McCain go?



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I remember the day I sat down to write an article praising John McCain. It was during my freshman year, and, McCain was an independent mind and a Republican that every Democrat had to respect as a strong, promising candidate for President. McCain battled George Bush valiantly in a gruesome primary battle in 2004 for the

Republican nomination, where he attacked the aspects of President Bush's candidacy that weren't based in true conservatism. Unfortunately, Bush escaped with a victory in the primary and of course a victory in the general election. Most people thought McCain was done for as a Presidential candidate. Yet here he is again, in February 2008, surprising United States citizens with the nomination all but locked up.

However, do not be confused because the platform McCain is running on doesn't qualify him as a "maverick," as many individuals refer to him as. Yes, it is a good sign that the radically right-wing pundits in this country (Rush Limbaugh, Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity) won't

endorse him. It is nice to see the excessively conservative wing of the Republican Party seemingly being left without a candidate. Yet, instead of running as the moderate, independent Republican that he

was, McCain has now taken part in a desperate attempt to become George W. Bush.

The change over the last eight years has been absolutely incredible. It is almost as though Bush, Cheney, and the rest of their administration has effectively brainwashed the Senator. In 2002, McCain's votes had him ranked as the sixth most liberal Republican in the Senate. However, McCain's voting record over the last session of Congress had him ranked as the second most conservative Senator.

In 1999, he stated that *Roe v Wade* shouldn't be overturned, and of course he is now campaigning that it should be overturned. In 2002, he correctly characterized Jerry Falwell as an "agent of intolerance." However, before Falwell passed away this past May, McCain was consulting with him for his campaign. He also abandoned his attacks on other Republicans that he criticized in the

past and laid off his strong push towards campaign finance reform.

It is going to be the same old Republicans running again this November. It will be the same hawkish foreign policy, the same economics that won't help the middle class and the same lack of healthcare for millions of Americans. Yes, there

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will be some improvements: the environmental policy will be improved, the speeches won't be as painful to listen to, and McCain is a war hero, not some-

body who hung out in Texas in an Air Force outfit. Yet, in the end, the likely McCain/Huckabee ticket is representing a vote for the past or a vote to keep the status quo, unless McCain becomes the politician he was eight years ago.

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nutrients are being consumed. Opt for trail mix loaded with nuts and dried fruit. Nuts are filled with protein, vitamin E, and healthy fats that will keep you satisfied, compared with simple carbs. Don't forget about the childhood favorite: "ants on a log."

Celery stalks filled with peanut butter and topped with raisins creates a bal-

anced snack. Stashing food in the dorm is essential, but snack on the right foods. Avoid the Pop Tarts and Mini Muffins and make sure to steer clear of an instant sugar rush before class.

Don't be fooled by your favorite snacks; make sure your snacks will not weigh you down. For more information on choosing the right foods, check out *Eat This, Not That!* by David Zincenko.

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der norm our society tells us to.

And yet, on campus, we are still lacking basic tools for gender safety. The prime examples of which are gender-neutral housing and all-gender (single person and lockable) restrooms in each building.

Gender is not a binary game, and when we force gender into sets of two, we

force an unsafe environment on campus.

As our nation mourns the murder of Lawrence King, we have a great opportunity to make our campus as safe as we can for all people – regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

We don't need to wait for a catastrophe to hit closer to home; we can act pre-emptively to protect all our students, staff, and guests from gender-based violence.

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Professor of the Life Sciences. In 1998, she took on additional responsibilities as the founding director of Princeton's multi-disciplinary Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics. Her own academic work has focused on mammalian genetics, in particular the role that genes play in the development of the mammalian embryo. She is a member of the American Philosophical Society, the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine and the Royal Society of London.

Tilghman's lecture focused on three obstacles that she is constantly working towards improving: equality in education, equality in the occupational fields of science and engineering, and improving the way in which science is introduced into young children's lives and minds. Through her lecture, Tilghman made it apparent that these obstacles are all an effect of one another and by coming across just one of them, you can be led to the other two.

One question that Tilghman presented early on in the lecture to get things started was: why should we

care about women? Well, for one thing, she conveyed that restricting the pool of talent in any field is a guarantee that the well-being of the United States will be significantly less.

In science, the problems that intrigue women are not always the same as men and by restricting the amount of women that can research these different problems and ideas places a limit on the potential future of the world of science.

Where do these obstacles that restrict women come into play? The influence of social norms from childhood on male and female disciplines and cultural assumptions of women being less capable are often more than enough for young women to be discouraged from pursuing careers in science and engineering.

Furthermore, women can easily find themselves in situations where they are outnumbered, and this too can reflect on how they perceive themselves in these situations and other areas of life. Even if women can persevere through the adolescent prejudices of what men and women are "supposed to be" when they grow up, the work place for female scientists and engineers can have a brutal and uncomfortable atmosphere. Often times, they are made to feel inferior

or to their male coworkers and as though they don't belong in the sciences.

Some women, Dr. Tilghman explained, are able to go through life refusing to acknowledge obstacles that other women see and experience, and they refuse to become victims of these obstacles. This of course requires a strong sense of self. Tilghman attributes her success in the sciences to three things: her extraordinary father, highly supportive male mentors, and her inability to recognize reality.

Tilghman realizes that there is no instantaneous solution to making science and engineering more inclusive, but she thinks that going back to the basics of learning is an excellent place to start.

Children are no longer being instilled with a curiosity of the natural world, and the generic pyramid of the scientific method is taking away from the excitement and opportunities that can be discovered in science.

The two most important questions that Tilghman has

been asked by her students are "how do you know that" and "why"? Tilghman feels that if teachers would replace the basics with questions and start with big ideas that bring in the smaller ones, students will have a more enjoyable and memorable experience with the journey of science.

Students must be introduced to the big ideas of science early in their education because this will help them to learn that science requires both patience and persistence.

Tilghman's inspiration to become a scientist came from stumbling across a paper about the mechanism

by which DNA is replicated. She was fascinated by the question being asked in the paper, the clarity between the possible options, and the unambiguous final answer. She felt that the way in which this answer was found was "worthy of a life's work."

How Tilghman felt when she accidentally came across this paper is where her ideas for rethinking the pedagogy of science seems to transpire.

Her passion for teaching has both contributed to science and helped encourage women to decrease the gender gap that exists within this field.



Dr. Tilghman spoke to students after her lecture about coeducation on Thurs., Feb. 14.

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Student Body debate: Keller, Shanker, and Shapiro



Adrian Shanker '09 (left), Sara Keller '10 (center), and Xan Shapiro '09 (right) voiced their concerns and plans for the Student Body on Tues., Feb. 19.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

By Meredith Clinton and
Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITORS

Tues., Feb. 19 was the Student Body debate. The three participating candidates included: Sara Keller '10, Adrian Shanker '09, and Xan Shapiro '09.

The debate began with three minute opening statements from each candidate. Shapiro, a political science and international relations major, is not seeking to revolutionize the system of Student Government but would like to improve upon the representation of the Student Body.

Keller, now in her second year as a Student Government member, is involved in a wide array of activities on campus. She assured the Student Body

that because of her involvement in various activities, she would have the ability to better represent all types of students.

Shanker, a former Student Government member, believes that the system of Student Government needs to be changed. He wants to bring about more student involvement in Student Government issues. "I have the leadership and experience to make things happen on campus," said Shanker.

After these statements the candidates were then presented with three questions from current Student Body President, Scott Gordon '08. These questions were: "What do you think students at the College are looking for in their Student Body President? If elected Student Body President, what are the

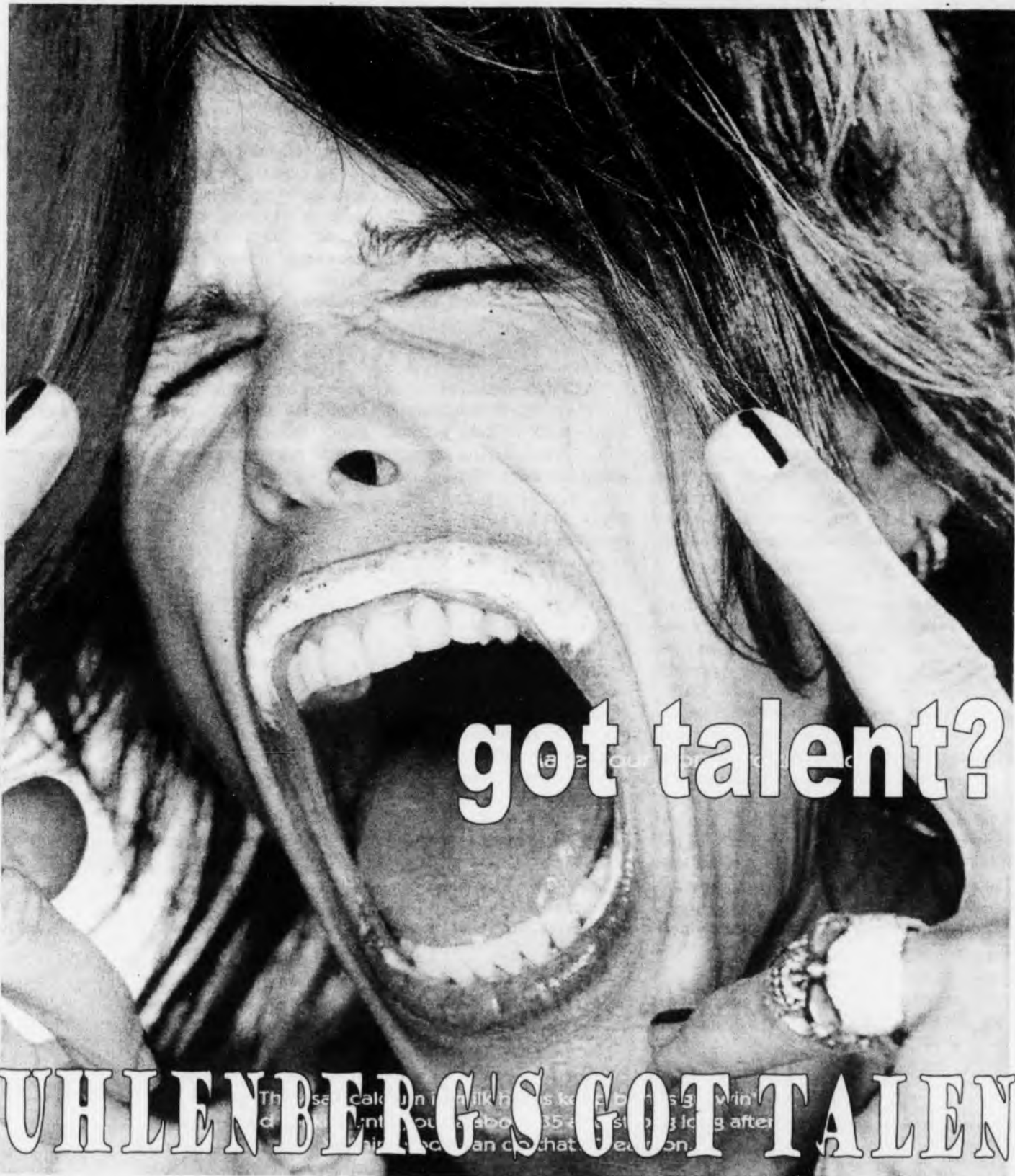
top three changes that you would like to make? Why do you feel you are better suited for this position than the other candidates?"

In response to these questions, Shanker focused on his previous experience with making changes on campus and consistently following through with his ideas for the College.

Shanker is the President of the Gay Straight Alliance and Vice President of the College Democrats. He has created strong relationships with the administration through his immediate efforts to make a change at the College, beginning in his sixth week of his Freshman year.

Keller heavily emphasized

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Fusing together multicultural life

By Caitlin Bandfield
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Fusion: the very word creates an image of different things blending together to form something new and exciting. Keeping this in mind, it is easy to understand why it is the title of Muhlenberg's upcoming diversity night.

Heavily involved in Muhlenberg's Office of Multicultural Life, senior Damara Gonzalez '08, a student member on the Advisory Board Committee for the Multicultural Center, says that the idea for FUSION, a diversity night here at the College, came about from ideas from conversations about Multicultural Life and events at other LVAIC (Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges) institutions.

Admiring what other schools in the Lehigh Valley had done in terms of addressing issues of diversity, Gonzalez says that the Office of Multicultural Life wanted to bring diversity awareness to our own campus, and to reach out to other LVAIC schools after they had made such an impact.

FUSION will be a school-wide dance that will include intermittent performances from organizations at different LVAIC colleges. "The event aims to showcase who we are as people, a colorful and vibrant people who are proud of our culture and heritage," says Gonzalez. The event will clearly live up to its name by demonstrating the fusing together of different people and cultures to arrive at a universal appreciation of diversity. Notes Gonzalez, "A theme of the event, along with the spirit of the word fusion, is to have performances that highlight not only the different interactions between races, but also what has historically made us the people that we are." In addition to Muhlenberg's own dance group, the Soul Sound Steppers, performances will be put on by whatever other LVAIC schools can attend, including Lafayette, Lehigh, Moravian, and Cedar Crest.

FUSION, which will be a free event, has a tentative date of Friday, April 25th from 9:00

p.m. to 1:00 a.m. in the Garden Room. The Multicultural Center will be the primary sponsor, with MAC acting as a possible co-sponsor. In addition to these two organizations, there are many other Muhlenberg groups that have been helping to put this diversity night together. These include ASA/ISA (Asian Student Association/International Student Association), BSA (Black Student Association), La Comunidad Latina, and the Soul Sound Steppers.

Gonzalez also notes several people who were instrumental in formulating the idea for FUSION and putting it into action. Among them are Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center/Multicultural Life, Cynthia Amaya, Associate Director of Admission and Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment, Monique Ellison '09, Vice President and choreographer of the Soul Sound Steppers, and Erica Lang '09 President of ASA/ISA. Lang and Ellison also hold student seats on the Multicultural Center Advisory Board.

FUSION is a very important event for Gonzalez, who herself is aware of the importance of diversity. An International Studies and Psychology double major, she is an active member of the Multicultural Center, serves as Vice President of La Comunidad Latina, and is greatly involved in community service; she has worked with Casa Guadalupe and Second Mile, among other organizations. According to Gonzalez, FUSION will be a fun campus-wide event that will not only make people more aware of diversity, but will also get them excited and more open to peoples' differences.

"Everyone involved in the event here at Muhlenberg wishes to present the many facets of the expressions of Black, Latino, and Caribbean culture and how those cultures have come together historically and are still coming together today through song, dance and step," says Gonzalez, "all the performances throughout the dance will highlight a different aspect of the roots and fusion of the cultures."



Monique Ellison '09 (left), Damara Gonzalez '08 (center), and Erica Lang '09 (right) have helped put together the upcoming FUSION event, which will be bringing together the different cultures on campus.

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MCTV

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show up to do the work," Gutman explains.

MCTV has also advanced due to the new programming and design technology, SCALA. SCALA allows students to control the programming from the editing room in Walson, enabling programs to be played at scheduled times each day. Tafler agrees that "this year MCTV has taken a major leap forward! For the first time, programs can be scheduled at precise times on the broadcast calendar."

Each week, two students from the course are designated "producers." They then become in charge of guiding the programming for that week, along with much discussion and work from the rest of the class. The producers are responsible for the overall topics, sequence of programming, and setting up the times for the programming to air.

They work on a tight schedule, along with the other 10 students in the class, ranging from sophomores to seniors. The students only have six days to realize what they are doing, find actors, shoot footage, edit, and hand their project in to be aired. Gutman explained that it usually takes about 5.5 hours to edit and program .5 hours of television.

Last week MCTV premiered a music video by Kate Bolger '10, featuring the Dynamics singing the song "Unwritten." It also featured interior design tips for dorm

rooms, a claymation, and an art gallery sequence. This week, MCTV is having a Valentine's Day theme, which includes love stories and a Valentine's cooking show.

This new programming is airing at the featured time slots and the old programming from last week is airing during daytime hours. The goal of MCTV is to eventually have programming playing constantly at all hours of the day.

Dr. Tafler believes that the growth and expansion of MCTV will be extremely beneficial to our campus. He elaborates, "In the year 2008, it is important to recognize that television helps define community. Self-generated television will go a lot further toward cementing the sense of community than simply the shared experience of passively watching corporate programming."

MCTV already has a lot in store for the College. They have recently joined together with Hillel to produce *Muhlenberg's Got Talent*, which will be a spin-off of *American Idol*.

The auditions will air on MCTV and will lead up to a benefit concert that will donate its proceeds to Zichron Menachem, an organization that supports children with cancer and their families.

This is just one of the exciting upcoming events that MCTV has arranged for the College as the television program continues to develop and brings about a greater sense of involvement in the campus community.

STUDENT BODY

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her involvement and leadership positions in numerous activities on campus. She explained that having this advantage will further her relationship with the administration, which would help to strengthen her progress toward making improvements on campus as Student Body President.

Keller wants to focus on small improvements that will enhance life at the College. Some of these improvements include: bringing more student life to the Powerhouse Cafe by changing the payment options, integrating campus groups and organizations, and

making coffee available in the library.

Shapiro emphasized representation and integration. He expanded on these ideas by discussing the importance of clubs and organizations working with Student Government to include more voices and opinions. He focused on giving Greek Life a more positive image so that it is placed on the same level with other organizations.

He also explained that community outreach is an important part of his involvement at the College. Shapiro would like to give the Student Body more opportunities to participate in the surrounding Allentown area.

After these three formal

questions, the forum opened to the rest of the students to ask questions. These questions included concerns about sustainability, the role of Student Body President within Student Government, quality of life on campus, and the legitimacy of their statements.

The debate ended with a two minute closing statement from each candidate. This gave all three the opportunity to once again emphasize their main points of their campaign.

Elections will be held this coming Mon., Feb. 25 in Seegers Union. The Student Body is encouraged to participate in the election so that the opinion of the campus community can be heard.



Each student is actively involved in the production process, which includes finding actors, shooting footage, and editing.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 14 - Theft - An orange recliner was stolen from the basement lounge of Brown Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 14 - Injured Employee - An employee slipped on ice and injured his leg outside of the Center for the Arts. He was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 14 - Liquor Law - Six students were found with underage consumption and possession of alcohol on the second floor of Prosser Hall. One College student was arrested along with four other non-College students. The other College student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 15 - Liquor Law - A student was found with underage consumption and possession of alcohol on the second floor of Walz Hall. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 15 - Residential Policy - Two students from the first floor of B Hall of East Hall had burnt candles in their room. They will be fined for this fire safety violation.

Feb. 15 - Two students from the third floor of B Hall of East Hall were throwing trash bags out their windows. They will be fined and referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 15 - Suspicious Person - A student reported that a suspicious person was following her around in a white van. Campus Safety identified the vehicle and found the driver to be intoxicated. He was arrested for driving under the influence.

Feb. 16 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to food on the stove at 2245 Liberty Street.

Feb. 16 - Vandalism - A student smashed the lock and kicked through the door of a dorm room on the first floor of Martin Luther Hall. He will be fined and referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 16 - Noise Complaint - The residents of 430 N. 22nd Street received a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police Department.

Feb. 17 - Noise Complaint - The residents of 2209 Liberty Street received a Disruptive Conduct Report from the Allentown Police Department.

Feb. 17 - Vandalism - Two vehicles were egged in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 17 - Injured Student - A student received a bloody nose while playing basketball in the Life

Sports Center. They were referred to the health center.

Feb. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a steam leak in Memorial Hall in the Life Sports Center.

Feb. 18 - Hit and Run - A student's vehicle was rear ended while parked in the Benfer parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 18 - Injured Student - A student was hit on the head with a lacrosse stick while at practice on the football field. She was transported to the hospital.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is just a chance to
grow a soul."

- A. Powell Davies

Weekly chat with Mike Bruckner

By Peter Bennett
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

For most students, Mike Bruckner is a faceless name, a name that appears every morning in their email inboxes around 9:04 a.m. announcing the day's events. It's clockwork and it's always there, even on Sundays.

So who is behind this mysterious name and how does he always know what's going on around campus?

I recently sat down with Mike Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, to see exactly who this man is and find out why he knows so much about what's going on at Muhlenberg.

As Vice President of Public relations, what do you do exactly?

I oversee a lot of different areas: the bookstore, WMUH, and the Board of Associates of business and civic leaders trying to foster better relations between Muhlenberg and the community.

I also oversee the Woman's Auxiliary group who regularly contribute to projects on campus. In my building, I oversee the sports information office and all the publications we do.

We have a quarterly magazine, an annual report, and I help with content, but not technology, of the website and other forms of media. Through those outlets, we try to promote the positives about Muhlenberg's staff and students."

What brought you to Muhlenberg?

The job brought me to Allentown. And really, I wanted to get back on a college campus. There's something about being on a college campus and being around kids that keeps you young. I missed that. My criteria were to be on a college campus, at a small school on the east coast. I wanted to be at a school where I thought I could make a difference.

What keeps you coming back each year?

A couple things: first and foremost, the students keep you young. Second, on any given day I could have lunch with a sports coach, then the next day with a faculty member from the math department, the next with the president. So everyday is different, there is a lot of variety and that's what keeps this fun. But it's the people, mostly.

What's the worst part of your job?

Meetings, just meetings. I'm not a patient person so I like to have a ten minute meeting and then do something for the next fifty minutes. But overall, there aren't too many bad days.

In the 12 years you've been here, what's the biggest change you've noticed?

We've probably gotten brighter students coming from better schools and farther distances, but they're still quality kids, great people. And it's the same thing with faculty. Every year we get a new, interesting, really bright faculty member, but the

key is that, whether young or old, we get the people who really care about the kids. The core values are still the same. The other thing that's changed the most is the football team. I think they were 0-9-1 and 1-9 my first two years. Watching this year, you can't appreciate how good we were until you've sat through a 1-9 year.

You said you deal with a lot of people in your field, who's the most interesting or famous person you've met or worked with?

I've had interaction with a range of famous people like Alan Shepard, first American astronaut in space, to guys like [North Carolina basketball coach] Roy Williams, and lots of people in sports.

I've also talked with Bill Cosby on the phone and emailed with Dan Rather and Diane Sawyer. We had Governor Rendell here not too long ago. So, I guess I've met a lot of people, but really, nobody would know me. Famous people, they don't know me, but I know them.

You attend a lot of different Muhlenberg sporting events. Which sports team here at Muhlenberg is your favorite to watch?

I love them all. And it's even more fun to watch kids you know. That makes it fun; I don't care if it's tiddlywinks I'm watching. I like them all though, I get to as many as I can, but unfortunately I can't be everywhere. Oh, and I'm the voice

of men's lacrosse, so I'm always there.

What do you think of the Muhlenberg Weekly?

I read it every week. And I read it as two people. First, I read it because I know a lot of the students who write in it and second I read it as a PR person. From a PR perspective, I'm glad there are no major issues that kids are upset about with the college or administration, so things are going pretty well.

In the other sense, I wish there was some more hard hitting news for kids to cover. And really, whether people like it or not, they read it. Like that love and life/sex column, everybody reads it, I don't care what they say.

Also, I think the other thing is that - and this goes for all students - they don't understand how much power they have on campus. If a student would go to Dean Green or the President, they can make a difference.

We got Sandellas because students said they wanted another food venue. That doesn't mean every time you complain you're going to get it done, but students should know whether we agree or disagree, the administration listens to the students.

It's such a small campus that things can get done. I don't think students realize how much of a voice they have and that they can make a difference.

Summer songs in the days of snow

By Peter Bennett
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

For someone who thrives on the sounds of summer, Jack Johnson continues to subtly release albums in the dead of winter. Those of us not paying attention might have missed the Feb. 5 release of Johnson's fourth studio album, *Sleep through the Static*.

With *Sleep*, Johnson hoped to "shake up his sound." And with the electric guitar he holds on the album cover, he almost fools us. But it's not the electric guitar, nor the new keyboardist that marks a subtle

change in everyone's favorite surfer songwriter.

Rather, it's the tempo and the mood. From track one, "All at Once," there is a slower, mellower tempo than we're used to hearing. This is attributed to the more melodic, rhythmic nature of the CD.

The strong staccato strumming patterns that characterized songs like "Flake," "Mudfootball," and "Never Know" are gone and are replaced with more effortless strumming, intricate finger picking, and blues-y guitar riffs, most notable on "Losing Keys."

Critics contend that there is a

more noticeable change to Johnson's newest CD. It's argued that this change is based on Johnson placing more emphasis on his political consciousness and worldview now that he's a father of two.

Certainly, there are more overt political references, but really, this is nothing new. The real thing Johnson has changed is that callow songs like "Bubble Toes" and "Banana Pancakes" are absent. Johnson has matured and it shows. With this maturity and a smoother sound, *Sleep* is a more polished version of his second album, *On and On*.

"If I Had Eyes" has been released, as the first single and the title track looks like it will be the second single off the album. However, Johnson's best work includes neither of these songs.

After some forgettable tunes at the beginning, the middle of the album holds his best work, Tracks eight, nine, and ten, entitled "What You Thought You Need," "Adrift," and "Go On," encompass the maturity and mellowness that epitomize this album.

These stripped down songs prove that sometimes the simple side of Jack Johnson is his best side.

I didn't steal your boyfriend

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

Dear Ex-Girlfriend,

Let's chat. I know you have this I-had-him-first complex, but it's time to get over yourself. I'm not trying to be the bitchy new girlfriend, but frankly, your presence is causing a bit of a problem.

I'm not saying that you two can't be friends; I'm just suggesting that you acknowledge the line that you're dancing on. You are the ex.

Clearly, there was something special between you two in the past, but there was also a reason that you broke up.

Before we go any further, you should know one thing. I don't hate you. I don't even dislike you. In fact, I don't even know you.

I know you're out there; he's certainly mentioned you, and there are definitely still pictures of you

floating around on his computer. But that's to be expected. I'm an ex-girlfriend too. I know how it feels to be replaced. It sucks, even if you're the one that did the breaking up.

I understand that exes can be friends, but I am entitled to donate that stuffed bear you bought him to the dumpster (or Goodwill, if I'm feeling generous).

Here's the thing: I really would rather not turn into the crazy girlfriend. I want to trust my boyfriend, and I want to trust that you won't try to win him back. But you're making it a bit difficult for me.

If you could, please don't make me delete you from his buddy list, or go through his phone looking for text messages. I have better things to do than stalk your Wall-to-Wall conversations with him on Facebook.

If you see me around,

please don't give me dirty looks. Don't turn to your friends and then have them turn and look at me, laugh and point. You're not being conspicuous, you're being childish, and I don't appreciate it.

I realize that all you may be saying is, "That's, Jill, Jack's new girlfriend," but, in my mind, it comes out as, "There's the slut."

I'm not a slut. I'm just sleeping with your ex. No biggie. Remember, you've done it before too.

He's my boyfriend, it's not like I'm making my rounds through the entire basketball team.

If this were the movies, we would bump into each other at the bar, you would throw your drink in my face, and my friends would have to hold me back. But this is real life. Let's just try to co-exist and be civil.

Obviously you're not an awful person if my boyfriend found you worthy of dating. Key words:

MY boyfriend.

Just because you might still be friends, this doesn't mean you're free to share your true, uncensored feelings about me to him. They're clearly biased.

If you talk smack about me, I'll be forced to talk smack about, and again, I frankly just don't have the time for those kind of games.

So let's recap. He used to be yours, now he's mine. I know I don't own him, and you're allowed to be friends, but don't cross lines. I won't bother you if you won't bother me.

Let's not put the boy in an awkward situation. Ok, I think that's all I have to say. That and, if you're interested, I hear that eHarmony is accepting new applicants.

Love,

The new girlfriend, Jill

P.S. Feel free to write back and, while you're at it, tell your friends to email questions and comments to loveandlifeweekly@gmail.com

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&
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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHAT DID YOU GET FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?



"Lindt chocolates."
-Beth Halpern
Director of Community
Service & Civic Engagement



"A wonderful day with my girlfriend."
-Alex Corgan, '08



"A bottle of wine."
-Sara Mazes, '09



"A jar of gummy bears!"
-Gabe Procaccino, '10



"Love songs from my boyfriend, sung by Danny Ryan."
-Wilma Cespedes-Rivera, '09

Compiled by Esme Mazzeo

AMC Weekend Listings



The Bucket List

Fri. 4:40, 7:50
Sat. 4:40, 7:50
Sun. 10:40, 4:10

Definitely, Maybe

Fri. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Sat. 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Sun. 1:15, 4:15, 7:00

Jumper

Fri. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Sat. 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
Sun. 2:45, 5:00, 7:30

27 Dresses

Fri. 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:40, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:10,

The Spiderwick Chronicals

Fri. 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:40, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 3:10 5:30, 7:50

Step Up 2: The Streets

Fri. 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
Sat. 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
Sun. 3:00, 5:15, 7:40,

Fool's Gold

Fri. 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 2:15, 4:45, 7:20

Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins

Fri. 4:10, 9:20
Sat. 4:10, 9:20
Sun. 1:30, 6:50

Simple Plan: back for round three

By Alex Nagorski
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

When pop punk band Simple Plan emerged on the scene in 2002 with their breakout hit, *I'm Just A Kid*, they launched a new emo pop revolution. Along with bands such as Good Charlotte and New Found Glory, Simple Plan was riding the wave of heavy TRL and radio rotation with a fresh sound that fans of both pop and rock could enjoy.

Fast forward to 2008. It has been four years since they have dropped a new record. On Feb. 12, the French Canadian-based quintet released their third full-length album, the self-titled *Simple Plan*.

Although staying true to the style that generated seven million dollars in record sales worldwide and produced more than a handful of Top 40 singles, Simple Plan knew that they had to come back strong in a new market. Today's music scene is very different from the one they first encountered.

In those early days, the airwaves were dominated by the Backstreet Boys and NSYNC. Against the backdrop, Simple Plan sounded absolutely original. Today, however, these same radio stations play the music of other pop punk bands, such as Fall Out Boy and Boys Like Girls back to back.

To help them stand out in this very different crowd, the band recruited new producers such as Max Martin (Avril Lavigne) and Timbaland protégé, Nate "Danja" Hills, who most recently received recognition as the man behind Britney Spears' comeback single, *Gimme More*, along with many tracks off of her newest album, *Blackout*.

Some fans who read about Simple Plan's switch to different producers to create a more contemporary sound were worried that their favorite band would become a corporate sellout. After the lead single *When I'm Gone* surfaced online, however, fans were able to breathe easy.

By adding a synthesized back-

beat, the song takes the band's signature sound and intensifies it. Meanwhile, lead singer Pierre Bouvier still sounds just as whiny and is ready to tackle a new Jonas Brothers generation of angst-filled teens, while keeping the older fans happy.

The opening to the second single, *Your Love Is A Lie*, starts out sounding like it's an electronic remix of an 80's power ballad. But it morphs quickly into the trademark Simple Plan everyone from our generation has grown to know and love.

It is quite extraordinary how true the band has remained to themselves. Yet, they still found a way to sound completely different than they ever have before.

One track that truly stands out on the album, simply due to the fact that it is so unlike the rest of the record, is *The End*. The song sounds like a mixture between R&B and techno underneath a rock & roll umbrella, making the listener want to both rock out and hit the dance floor at the same time. Similarly,

Generation incorporates elements of hip hop throughout the verses, before striking guitar chords and causing the crowd to surf, called upon by the heavier chorus.

In the tradition of their huge hits *Perfect* and *Untitled* from their past two albums, Simple Plan has included another massive cliché ballad. This time around, the song is *I Can Wait Forever*, a lament about not being able to be near the one you love. "When you call my heart stops beating, when you're gone it won't stop bleeding, but I can wait, I can wait forever," croons Bouvier over both a full band and orchestra. It is a nice song, but unfortunately, relatively lackluster compared to its equivalents on the previous two records.

Overall, the band did a phenomenal job contemporizing their sound while still remaining true to their origins. In today's market, however, they'll most likely just be seen as another pop punk band, as opposed to one of the bands that started it all.

The power of chocolate

By Michelle Colandrea
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Valentine's Day 2008 has officially passed, but that stash of chocolate remaining in your dorm room just won't cease to tempt you. Whether you received it from your boyfriend or your mother in New Jersey, chocolate has always been associated with decadence and romance.

But did you know that chocolate has powerful health properties as well? According to studies at prominent American universities, chocolate may raise your level of good cholesterol, reduce anxiety, and fight tooth decay. You may want to think twice before tossing that leftover Valentine's candy after all.

While various studies to uncover the benefits of chocolate are still underway, researchers agree that chocolate—primarily the dark variety—could potentially have beneficial effects on cardiovascular health.

Cocoa, chocolate's main bitter-tasting ingredient derived from the cacao plant, contains valuable flavanoids which have been shown to decrease blood pressure and risk of heart disease.

In addition, the cocoa contains major levels of antioxidants, which are known to prevent or delay damage to the body's cells and tissues.

But before you replace your daily vitamins with chocolate bars, remember that most of the chocolate we consume, especially milk chocolate, contains high levels of sugar, saturated fat, and calories. So when choosing that emergency bar to hide in your desk drawer, look for darker varieties, containing greater than 70% cocoa.

And remember to snack in moderation so as not to negate the health benefits by consuming unnecessary quantities of fat and sugar. One or two small dark chocolate squares are enough to reap the major health benefits.

Now, what to do with that leftover holiday chocolate? Try melting it down to cover fruit, mixing it into heated milk for a quick hot cocoa treat, or baking bits into your next batch of cookies.

And when Valentine's Day arrives again, you can confidently and guiltlessly accept that box of truffles. Just try not to eat them all at once.

Top 3 Myths About Chocolate: Chocolate causes acne.

Not according to research done at the US Naval Academy. Whether or not you eat chocolate does not affect the clarity of your skin. In fact, chocolate has been found to relieve anxiety by boosting the brain's serotonin levels. Anxiety is known to induce and aggravate breakouts. Therefore, chocolate could actually work to reduce acne!

Chocolate is addictive.

There is no hard evidence that this statement is true, though scien-

tists are continually running studies to learn more about how chocolate functions in the body. They are certain though that you cannot become *chemically* dependant on chocolate, like some believe. Many scientists prescribe to the notion of a "chocolate craving" as a culturally induced phenomenon. It may also have something to do with the levels of sugar in chocolate which work to satisfy carbohydrate cravings.

Chocolate acts as an aphrodisiac.

It is true that chocolate contains phenylethylamine (PEA), the chemical which supposedly creates a similar sensation for a person as being "in love." But contrary to popular belief, scientists have found that a bar of chocolate does not contain enough PEA to have any real effect on your love life. Not even two bars of chocolate.

In fact, cheese and salami contain significantly more PEA than chocolate does. Anyone for a sandwich?

Gossip Guru

the current news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

Britney Spears Update:

It has now been a year since Britney Spears' famous head shaving incident, and much has changed. The year for Spears seems to have spiraled down since this incident, and is only beginning to resemble some kind of structure.

It is being reported that Spears' father, Jamie, is keeping an incredibly close eye on his daughter. He is escorting her to as many places as possible, and is even having people escort her to the bathroom.

It is rumored that there is now a criminal investigation on Sam Lufti after allegations that he was giving Spears drugs to keep her under his control.

Despite all this, many are optimistic over Spears, as she has been looking healthier, and actually cleaner since her father and mother stepped into the situation. Spears' lawyers are going back to court to continue to battle for custody of her

two children.

This is the first hearing since Spears' most recent hospitalization. Most believe that there will be no significant change in the situation.

Current Events:

Talk of trouble in paradise seems to have been true for singer Pink and her motocross racing husband of two years, Carey Hart. Their publicist told *People Magazine* that their marriage is over. The two got married in 2006, Costa Rica.

Their publicist said, "Pink and Carey Hart have separated. This decision was made by best friends with a huge amount of love and respect for one another...While the marriage is over, their friendship has never been stronger."

Though British singer Amy Winehouse seems to be doing well since her short rehab stint and Grammy performance, her husband does not seem to be doing as well.

Her husband Blake, who is currently serving time in prison, has reportedly overdosed on heroin that

was mixed with a toxic substance. Apparently, he was found passed out in his jail cell, and was rushed to the hospital wing.

This occurred after Blake failed three random drug tests in prison, and he is now not allowed visitors.

It is rumored that Blake is able to buy heroin by exchanging personalized signed photographs of his wife.

The recipients believe that they will make money on ebay, and therefore exchange heroin for a small amount of them.

Despite rumors that the couple were no longer seeing each other, Milo Ventimiglia and Hayden Panettiere seem to still be very much on. The couple were seen having a romantic dinner on Sunday night.

Owen Wilson is returning to work after his very public suicide attempt last year. The actor will be filming *Marley and Me* in Miami next month. His co-star for the film is Jennifer Aniston.

It is being reported that Christina

Aguilera and husband Jordan Bratman received two million dollars for the sale of pictures of their newborn son, Max Liron. Yet, Nicole Richie and Joel Madden only received one million for the soon-to-be published photographs of their daughter, Harlow.

Shockingly, it is being reported that Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony are being offered four to six million dollars for the pictures of their currently unborn twins. Back when Shiloh Pitt was born, Brad and Angelina received four million dollars, which was given to charity.

Rumors have begun recently that actress Kate Hudson could be expecting a child, following a recent sighting in which her stomach was prominently larger than usual. It is unknown if the divorced mother of one is currently dating anyone.

Heather Mills and Paul McCartney were unable to reach a settlement in their ongoing divorce battle, which means that a judge now will be the deciding factor in the settlement.

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To Submit Your Work!

Submit any poetry, prose,
or artwork by February 29
as attachments to
muses@muhlenberg.edu

Write for Life!

"Life is a highway...
I wanna write for it all
night long..."

Contact:
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Wrestling's underdog victory

By Heather Fox
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Last Fri. the Wrestling Team upset the nationally ranked Messiah Falcons by a score of 25-21. The away match was the last of the regular season for the team, and several wrestlers came out with strong wins.

After a month of sickness and injuries the wrestlers had a full team of starters. The first win came from junior Billy Hall in the 141 lb. weight class. He pinned his opponent in 3:52. Next Sat., Hall (25-4) will compete for his second title at the Centennial Conference Championships.

Junior Rob Kein won the following match by major decision 11-3. No team held the lead for long as the wins shifted every other match. The Falcons, won in the 157 lb. class.

It was senior Co-Captain David Lavin's match that shook things up. At 165 lbs. Lavin wrestled a nationally ranked Falcon, Trent Zempel. Lavin was dropped back on his neck by an illegal move executed by his opponent. He was taken off the mat on a stretcher, but suffered only a minor concussion and a sore neck. He remarked that the drop was not on

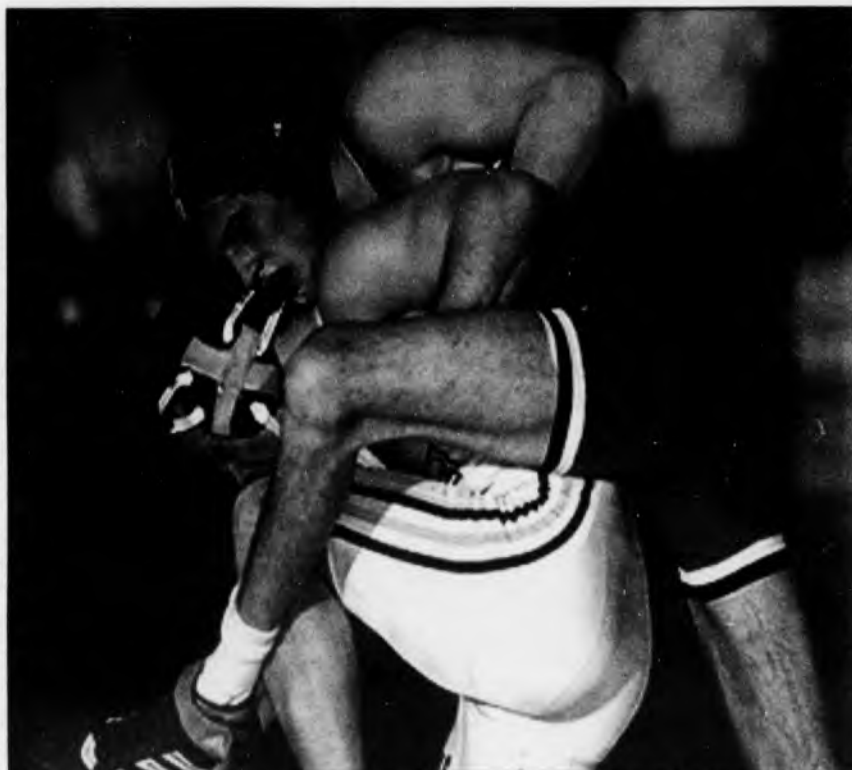
purpose and laughs about the situation. "I was really shaken up," said Lavin, "but at least I got a standing ovation for my final regular season match." The illegal move gave Lavin the win.

According to Messiah coverage, their coach Bryan Brunk agreed that the illegal move call was right. He explained that the move wasn't intentional on Trent's part and that Lavin is "a tough, tough kid."

The next match at 174 lbs. earned Messiah back some points. At 184 lbs. junior Matt Horn pinned his opponent in 4:36. After another loss at 197 lbs., the winning team rested on senior Co-Captain Joe Tartar. The heavy-weight didn't allow one point to be scored on him, winning the final bout 7-0. The college saw a true underdog victory 25-21 over the 26th-ranked Falcons.

Tarter put the win in perspective, "Our win gave us momentum to break free from our slump and realize that we have great wrestlers and a great team."

This Sat. the wrestlers head to Ursinus for the Centennial Conference Championships.



Junior Billy Hall prepares to pin his opponent. The Mules fought hard and came away with an impressive victory.

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Bernardini honored by Lehigh Valley while Mules lose second straight

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

This week, junior Mike Bernardini was named to the Lehigh Valley Small College Basketball Team of the Year. Bernardini averages 14.3 points per game and has played over 30 minutes each game. He is the best free throw shooter on the team, currently shooting 82.2 percent from the stripe. He is also ranked ninth in the Centennial Conference for the most three-pointers with 33 this season.

The Muhlenberg Men lost their second straight game this week, 72-57, at Swarthmore. Although the Mules were ahead by two at the half, the Swarthmore Garnets came out ready to play in the second half, outscoring the Mules 41 to 24. Sophomore Ryan Foster scored 14 points and had a career high 4 blocked shots during the game. Fellow sophomore Obi

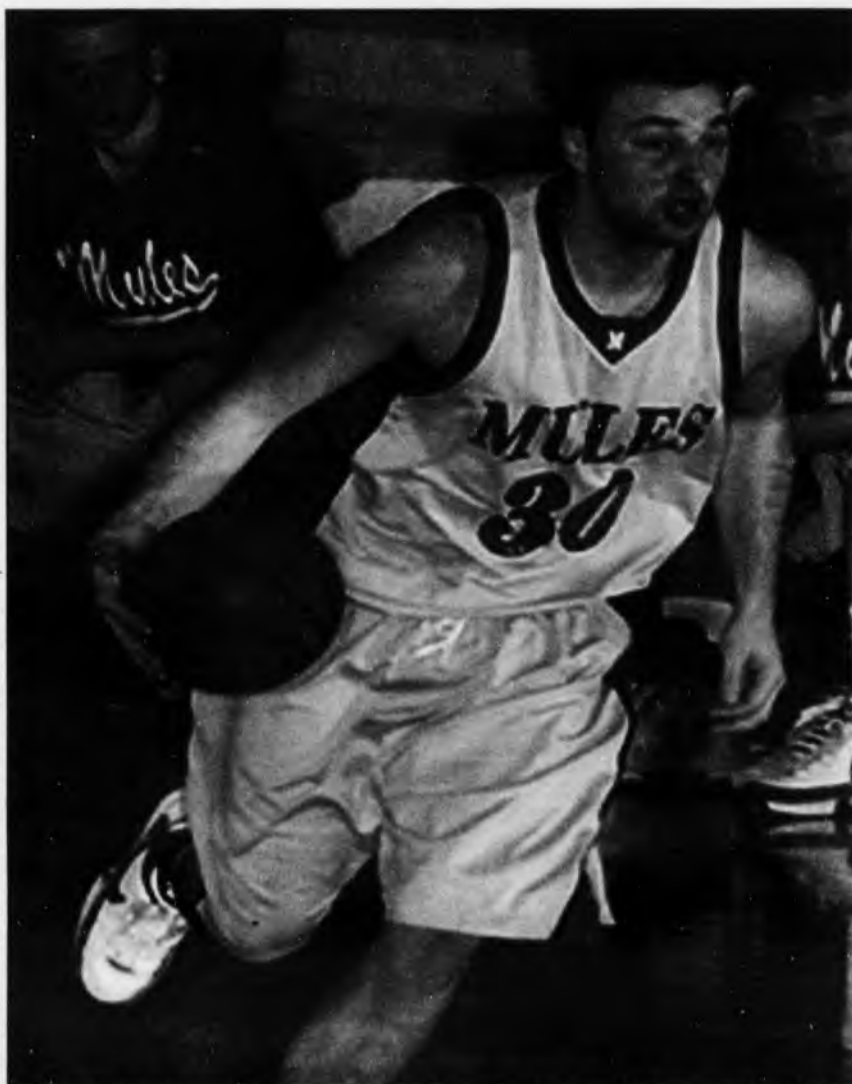
Nwizugbo added another nine points with Bernardini scoring 11.

Sat., Feb. 16 the Mules had a tough game against one of the top teams in the Conference, Johns Hopkins. The game was very physical and the Mules played strong. However, they were still defeated by the Blue Jays 62-47 for the 22nd time in 24 games.

The Mules played well in the first half and only trailed by one point at halftime. But the Mules scored only 22 points in the second half compared to Johns Hopkins' 35. Foster and sophomore Peter Barnes were the high scorers for the Mules contributing a combined 27 points.

Even though the Mules lost two games this week, they are still in contention for the fifth and last Centennial Conference playoff spot.

The Mule's next, and final, game is on Sat. Feb. 23 at home against the 21-2 Ursinus Bears.



Junior Mike Bernardini was named to the Leigh Valey Small College Basketball Team of the Year.

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Strong defense and leadership define senior point guard Abra Like

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

For the past four years, Abra Like has been an integral part of the Lady Mules Basketball Team. As co-captain, she has helped lead the 2007-2008 version post a record of 18-5 (13-3 in Centennial Conference play), and possibly to a regular season Conference Championship as well as the number one seed in this year's Conference Tournament. Known for her leadership and tenacious defensive play, Like has become an important part of this team. I recently sat down with Abra to discuss her past four years as a Mule as well as her future.

(In regards to her being selected as a co-captain) "Being selected as a co-captain with Michelle [Feldman] is special, we are the only two seniors on the team, and we've been here all four years." She also went on to say that "a highlight is team chemistry, I've never had to take anyone aside tell them to 'shape up.'"

(On being a Student-Athlete) "One of the big things I do is when I'm studying, I study hard, and when I'm playing, I'm playing hard. I keep them separate mentally, so I don't bring stress from one to the other. Also, basketball helps me manage my time better. I tend to do better in my studies when basketball is in season."

(On the preparing for the upcoming playoffs) "I feel like I need to remember what the playoffs have been in the past, preparing myself mentally. Like

last week, playing against Hopkins, we got a taste of that intense playoff, nothing-to-lose feel to it. There's nothing to lose, and I need to practice as if it were one of those types of games. As for the team, it's not the same for the rest of them. For most it's a brand new experience. We need to mentally focus. Box out better, rebound better, we need to have a tough, physical mindset."

(On her favorite memories) "Seeing Lauren [Boyle] get her 1000th point was one of them. Playing in the 2006 NAAs and winning in the first round was another! We had, I think, an 11-0 run at the end of the game to win it at the end. Another, and first, memory was stepping into the gym and realizing that I'm playing in college."

(Off-court memories) "I'll always remember the conversations I've had with my best friends until 4 a.m. when I have a test the next day (laughing). Going to Germany with the team was also great. Lastly, one of my greatest memories has been learning about the depth of God's love for me, especially through difficult situations, like my concussion last spring, and when I was asked to give my starting spot to a freshman. These were great because through these situations, I saw how much God loved me."

(On post-graduation) "I want to become a physician's assistant, so that I can go into the mission field and work alongside Christian Missionaries."

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Senior guard Abra Like displays her superior ball-handling skills.

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Track and Field set the standard

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Fri. Feb. 15, sophomores Alex Faust and Debra Crockett have raised the bar, yet again. At the Lafayette Rider Winter Games at the New York City Armory, the duo broke their own previous school records. Faust's time of 26.23 in the 200 meters and Crockett's 37'10.75" throw in the shot putt, placed them both in the record books once again.

On the men's side, juniors Stuart Udis, Timothy Van Syckle and David Chorney all qualified for ECACs. Udis qualified in the 500 meters, Van Syckle qualified in the 3,000 meters and Chorney qualified in both the mile and as a member of the 4x800-meter relay team. Sophomore Jeremiah Lachaud also qualified for ECACs in the 200 meters.

On Fri. Feb. 22 the Mules travel to Haverford to compete in the Keogh Invitational.



Left: Sophomore Debra Crockett broke her own school record in the shot putt.



Right: Junior Stuart Udis qualified for ECACs in the 500 meters.

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Sports Schedule

Women's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 23 vs. Ursinus 4:00
(18-5, 13-3 Centennial Conference)

Men's Basketball

Sat., Feb. 23 vs. Ursinus 2:00
(10-13, 8-8 Centennial Conference)

Track and Field

Fri., Feb. 22
Keogh Invitational (Haverford)

Wrestling

Sat., Feb. 23 Centennial Conference Championships (Ursinus)
(4-8, 2-5 Centennial Conference)



Freshman Chris Dolan ran on the 4X800 meter relay team.

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Boyle records 1000th career point in victory

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Women's Basketball Team came into last week in position to win out and win the Conference. They would have two big games before a match up with the top seeded Dickinson. The Mules opened up their week against Swarthmore. The Tuesday game was cancelled due to bad weather and was postponed until the next day. The team took advantage of the extra practice time and helped themselves out with another victory, 77-57. The Mules took their first lead 5 minutes in on junior Erin McSherry's lay-up and would not relinquish the lead. With a minute and half left, junior Lauren Boyle assisted on freshman Kelly McKeon's three-pointer and the Mules took their largest lead of the half, 41-26.

The second half was more of the same from the Mules as their lead did not drop below 13 and got as big as 22. The Mules finished with a 20-point lead and another Centennial Conference win.

The Mules went inside to get most of their scoring as McSherry and freshman Sheila Cook led the Mules with 17 and 16 points respectively. McKeon and Boyle also contributed double figures in points with 13 and 10 respectively.

Cook and McSherry also led the way on the boards grabbing 10 and 9 each. Boyle contributed with passing, leading the team with 5 assists. Senior Abra Like was right behind her with 4 assists of her own.

The Mule defense was also really strong, holding Swarthmore to less than 33% shooting on the game. They also tallied 6 blocks and 9 steals.

After winning on the road the Mules came home and faced Johns Hopkins. The gym was decorated in all pink and the girls wore pink warm-ups to raise awareness for breast cancer. A close game all the way, neither team ever took a lead larger than 8 points. The first half saw two lead changes and four ties before the Mules took the lead for good. With six minutes to go in the first half the Mules trailed by one and Boyle assisted Cook on a lay-up to put the Mules ahead. The Mule lead would get as big as five on a Boyle lay-up off a McKeon pass with 2:44 to go in the half. Both teams would remain scoreless the rest of the half.

The second half remained close. The Mule lead would get as big as 8 on a McKeon lay-up but would never get that high again, and would

drop to as close as one after two Hopkins free throws with just over 3 minutes remaining. The Mules responded with an Alexis Bates '10 three-pointer assisted by McKeon. Johns Hopkins cut the lead to 2 with 40 seconds left, but would not score again, and McKeon hit 3 of her 4 free throws down the stretch to give the Mules the 57-52 win.

Boyle led the Mules with 19 points including her 1000th career point on a jump shot with 7:24 left in the game; she also led the Mules with 4 assists. McKeon contributed 13 points while McSherry worked the glass, grabbing a team high 10 rebounds, and protected the paint tying a school record with 6 blocks. The Mules defense carried them again holding Johns Hopkins to 26.4% shooting.

The Mules currently rank second in the Conference with a 13-3 in-Conference record and an 18-5 overall record. If they win the rest of their games, they will clinch another regular season Centennial Conference title and host the Centennial Conference Tournament.

This team is really coming together at the right time and has a chance to do some post-season damage. With the freshmen coming into their own and the seniors leading the way, the Mules have a tough team this season. They have the right combination of offense and defense as well as perimeter and inside scoring to beat teams in many different fashions, making them a tough match-up for any team.

Come out to the game Sat. against Ursinus. It is Senior Night for Michelle Feldman and Abra Like. Please come out and show your support for the Women's Basketball Team.



Freshman guard Kelly McKeon (left) scored 13 points against Swarthmore. Junior Lauren Boyle (right) scored her 1000th point on Wednesday.

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James Florio speaks to students about political life

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

The discussion ranged from advocacy to energy conservation last week as the College students and faculty listened to former Governor of New Jersey and U.S. Representative James "Jim" Florio share his experiences as a politician. Listeners filled Moyer on Feb. 20, 3-4 p.m., as Florio led a discussion on "Government Leadership in the 21st Century."

"Democracy is not a spectator sport," said Florio. The Democratic politician served as the 49th Governor of New Jersey from 1990 to 1994. Florio, a Brooklyn native, turned to politics in

the late 1950s after active duty in the Navy.

Florio graduated from Trenton State College in 1962 with a degree in social studies and continued to study public law and government at Columbia University. He received a law degree from Rutgers School of Law in 1967. Florio decided to run for Congress in 1972, and lost. But two years later, Florio ran again and was elected to the United States House of Representatives from New Jersey's 1st Congressional District.

He served from 1975 until 1990. During his speech, Florio emphasized the importance of holding knowledge in a variety of political areas, ranging from

health care to energy conservation. "It's one whole paradigm to another. You pick the sector: public health, education, environment, and so on," said Florio.

While in Congress, Florio served as chair of Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Competitiveness of Energy. He was also the chair for the Subcommittee on Housing and Consumer Interests of the Select Committee on Aging. Florio told students that "knowledge is power," encouraging them to go out and "marshal the information, marshal the facts, then go out and advocate."

While most Jersey resi-

dents at the College are too young to remember Florio's time as governor, his administration was ushered in by a late 1980s recession. Faced with a major deficit, Florio proposed large increases in state taxes.

"What I remember of my parents speaking of him are tax hikes," said John Paone '09, a political science major and resident of N.J. While taxes were just briefly noted in Florio's speech, the politician discussed other keystone issues of his active political term.

"I thought his presenta-

tion was very effective. He spoke about balancing life and politics, and the enormous pressures that politicians deal with. He told us how he got where he is

today, and what he's doing now," said Paone. Florio spoke of his challenges faced while running for Congress, as well as his extensive work since the 1970s with the New Jersey Pinelands National Reserve.

Florio still resides in New Jersey and teaches a class on public policy at Rutgers University.

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Chillin' in the Red Door



Photos by Eirinn Disbrow

On Tues., Feb. 26 students, faculty, and staff were invited to the Red Door for drinks, snacks, and good conversation. Students who were 21+ were served alcoholic beverages.

This was the second "chill" event of the '07-'08 academic year. The event had a good turn out and students expressed their appreciation for the coordination of these events.

The event was sponsored by: the Dean of Students Office, Campus Safety, Office of Residential Services, Student Activities Office, the Athletic Department, Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement, and the Office of Segers Union.

This event first began last Nov. with the "November Chill." The idea came from Greg Rose '08 who researched events similar to this one earlier in the year.

The purpose of having these events is to promote a stronger sense of campus community and encourage interaction between students, faculty, and staff.

At this event, students were found mingling with one another and relaxing on the Red Door couches while taking a break from the stress of midterms.

"I really enjoyed the Feb. Chill. The atmosphere was welcoming and comfortable and I was able to see a lot of my friends and have some of the yummy snacks. I hope that there are other events like this in the future," said Lindsay Ennis '10.

"I certainly had a great time with my friends. We all sat around, drank some wine, and took a break from all of our midterm studying. It was a really nice event and I hope that the school sponsors many more," said Lindsay Kutner '08.

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Take a break

With Spring Break finally here, we are all pondering the different ways we can savor those ten wondrous days of academic freedom, but for many of us, our plans do not extend beyond sand and sun. While there's nothing wrong with wanting to trade in that pale skin for a golden tan, we have to wonder if students know they have other options.

Students can sign up for an alternate Spring Break and switch their minds off through manual labor. According to the College website, "A group of eleven students and two staff members will go to New Orleans to help to rebuild the city after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. They will also learn about the political and social inequalities affecting the residents of New Orleans. Fifteen students and two staff members will travel to Prague, Czech Republic, for seven days, where they will tour the Jewish community and work on service projects with other students."

Eighteen students and two college employees will travel to Israel for nine days, through Da'at Travel Services. They will tour the country, learn about mysticism and spend a day working on service projects. For the fourth year in a row, a group from the College will partner with Touch the World Ministries to continue the construction of a school in the impoverished city of Juarez, Mexico. Eighteen students and one staff advisor will work on the school and the individual homes of the people in the community, in addition to being active in the students' classes and recess time. The final group (fifteen students and a staff member) will partner with the Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Lexington, Va., to help build housing for low-income families."

These students are taking advantage of the time off and will gain experiences they may not encounter again. They are by no means sacrificing their break, but rather seizing the opportunity to help those who need it and learn about themselves along the way. It could be a life changing experience, and something that students might want to consider. A beach is well and good, but how much can it teach you? Getting your hands dirty is a very different type of learning, one that invades your whole body. One that you cannot escape – it forces you to become part of your environment. Our lives will be full of altering experiences, and maybe Mexico and Prague are good places to start.

Penny for your thoughts...

(Not really but we'll pay with love and Sara is a really good at giving hugs)

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Venus is history's reality show

By Sara Beitman & Esme Mazzeo
WEEKLY ASST. OP/ED EDITOR & ASST. LIFE! EDITOR

The show *Venus* played at the Baker Theater in the Center for the Arts last Thursday to Sunday. *Venus* was directed by Beth Schachter, and it starred Catherine Davidson '10, Eric Thompson '10, Visiting Assistant Professor Holly Cate, and Anthony Fraqui '08. It takes place in the early 1800s in South Africa, England, France, and Germany.

Venus is based on the life of Saartjie "Sarah" Baartman. Baartman went by the name "Venus Hottentot." Venus was born in South Africa and worked as a slave. One day, the brother of her slave owner suggested that she travel to England, promising her that she would become wealthy if she became a "dancer." Venus ended up being put into a freak show and she traveled around Britain, showing Europeans her unusual bodily features, which were typical to her African people. She had large buttocks, and visitors were per-

mitted to touch them for extra payment.

Venus then traveled to Paris with a doctor who promised her a better life. In reality, he put her on exhibit for other doctors, and fooled her into believing that he was falling in love with her, under more pressured conditions until she died. When Venus died, many autopsies were done on her and then her body was displayed in a museum.

Even though *Venus* takes place in the 1800s, many of the issues in the play are still relevant in today's society. The way Venus was displayed in her freak show cage is similar to the way characters are displayed in makeover reality t.v. shows. The participants on these shows are humiliated and forced to expose their physical flaws for entertainment and network profit.

On the show *What Not to Wear*, participants are forced to try on their "ugly" clothes in a three hundred and sixty

degree mirror, which is similar to the cage that

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Venus was trapped in to be humiliated for entertainment and her master's profit. Both of these examples promote idealized body types, and suggest that if you don't have a good body or "cool" clothes then you are unacceptable and a freak. Body image is a touchy

issue to discuss whether it relates to the 1800s or today, but people's bodies should be respected.

As far as personality exploitation goes, *Venus* is similar to shows such as *The Real World*. On this show, a cast of "characters" is selected based on certain specific traits the producers want the people to have. These traits include the ones that will create the most drama, and therefore attract the most viewers. The producers manipulate specific members of the cast in order to create more tension between them, because they know that conflict is the best way for them to make money. In a similar way, Venus was manipulated by her show mother to act in a way that would attract the biggest audience at her Freak show. Body image and personality manipulation have been prevalent in entertainment for hundreds of years, as is seen by *Venus* and reality shows today.

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Misrepresenting McCain

By Kyle L. Miller
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Freedom of speech depends upon freedom of thought; speech, however, should never supersede thought. Two articles published on Thurs. Feb. 21 thwarted this common sense approach. The college's own article "Where did John McCain go?" bordered on factless fiction, while the *New York Times* attempted to smear McCain with an article amounting to sourceless slander. Mistakes and misrepresentations mar the aforementioned articles and present a disconnection between the written word and the writers' wits.

Senator McCain ran his first famous "straight talk express" campaign in the 2000 presidential primary, not in 2004 as reported in the Muhlenberg article, and has continued that spirit eight years later. Contrary to the Bush "brainwashing" purported in the baffling McCain opinion piece, John McCain remains the Senate's secular conservative.

He is known for ill or will by the legislation bearing his name, such as McCain-Feingold, McCain-Lieberman, and McCain-Kennedy. In no way does such legislation

reflect the party line stagnation which has stifled both Republican and Democratic Congresses.

If McCain was to "become" like Bush, as suggested, then he would have had the wholehearted support of conservatives in the Republican party. The President has a seventy-six percent approval rating among Republicans, reported in a January Gallup poll. McCain should then have garnered similar numbers, or at least a simple majority, in recent primaries. Furthermore, attacks by folks like Mitt Romney, Rush Limbaugh, Laura Ingraham, or Ann Coulter would not be warranted. Clearly, McCain was not the popular choice of conservatives in the Republican primaries, only receiving pluralities of conservative votes in some states, while winning based on the support of moderates and independents. The success of alternative choices like Huckabee and Romney is evidence for the angst which many conservatives had and still have about John McCain.

Regarding his legislative record, an argument was made based on an unreported source to show the Senator switching from a liberal Republican voting record in 2002, to a conservative trend in the recent

session. It is only logical that McCain would appear more conservative as the legislation became liberal, moving from a Republican to a Democratic congress. Similar broad and baseless attempts to connect Bush and McCain will not be unheard of in the upcoming election season when Democrats will become desperate to avoid explaining their own plans for the country; Obama has already made such a move.

Apparently, McCain is moderate enough to be endorsed by the *New York Times*, but conservative enough to be attacked by the same newspaper. The innuendo inundated article published on the front page of the *Times*, while an American embassy was burning in Serbia, attempted to undermine the ethical reputation of Senator McCain. Relying on two unnamed sources who, at one time, allegedly advised McCain, the article attempted to tie the Senator to lobbyist Vicki Iseman, both politically and personally. Iseman and McCain have since both denied the implied affair and any political favors stemming from such a relationship.

It remains to be explained, as reported in *The New Republic*, why

the *Times* was working on the article at the same time it published a contradictory endorsement. This type of reporting, with front page posturing, renders the *Times* better suited for the fireplace rather than the coffee table.

Despite his willingness to cross party lines, McCain remains true to conservative values and the best hope for Republican retention of the White House in November. He is a staunch fiscal conservative who could bring fiscal discipline, something wholly lacking in government. He would uphold the interpretation of the constitution by appointing judges like Alito and Roberts; and he would bring a refreshing perspective to foreign policy and national security.

In contrast, his likely contender, Barak Hussein Obama, relies on dangerous proposals hidden in vague rhetoric; Hillary Clinton at least extends the courtesy of explaining her so-called solutions. Obama presents a foreign policy of capitulation rather than negotiation, untold government expansion, and spending without necessitation, all encompassed in what McCain has correctly called "an eloquent, but empty call for change."



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Spring Break for everyone!

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

While many students are packing their things to head off to exotic locations for their Spring Break, there are a number of students at the College that have decided to do something a little different. Instead of going to the beaches in Florida and the Caribbean, the Religious Life Office of the College, which includes Chapel, Newman and Hillel, has put together five alternative options for the upcoming week.

Sixteen students will be traveling to Prague with Dr. Brian Mello, Assistant Professor of Political Science. The group will visit a number of spectacular and religious sites, and participate in studies and services. This is the second year that students have traveled to Prague on Spring Break.

Nine students will be traveling to Lexington, VA with David Rabold, Capital Projects Manager, to participate in Habitat for Humanity. Students will work on building projects with the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. This is the fourth year that this trip has been put together for students.

Twelve students will be traveling to New Orleans with Beth Halpern, Director of Community Service and

Civic Engagement. They will work on projects related to the recovery effort after Hurricane Katrina for the second year in a row.

About fifteen students will travel to Juarez, Mexico with Michelle Hummer, Leadership Gift Officer of the Development and Alumni Relations Office. This group plans to continue work from previous years, building a school and working on homes for members of the community. This is the fourth year for the Juarez trip.

The alternative Spring Break to Israel has ten students attending. They will visit holy sites of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. Students will spend two nights in Yoav, Allentown's sister city in Israel where the trip participants will do service work at a residential treatment facility for troubled youth.

The trip itinerary was planned by and is being run by an Israeli tourism/education agency called Da'at. There will be a Da'at educator on the trip with the group at all times.

"I think that these trips are important because they allow students to see the world beyond their hometown, or Allentown. They also provide an opportunity to spend Spring Break providing service to a variety of communities in the US. And beyond," said Peter Bredlau, College Chaplain.

Eating Disorder Awareness Week

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

American culture has become obsessed with physical appearance, so much so that young children are often confused and mislead about how to evaluate and appreciate their individual value.

Experience Project (www.experienceproject.com), the leading online personalized support destination that links members who share life experiences, has announced the launch of MOREtoME.org – a powerful resource center that has been getting national media attention.

MORE to ME is a campaign that brings to light the misconception our society has when looking at what it means to be a woman. There is MORE to ME than my body represents a larger social movement to change the way women look at themselves. The campaign urges people to acknowledge and appreciate the many things which make them "Me."

The MORE to Me Declaration is the first online petition to raise support for changing this cultur-

al norm by educating and inspiring youth. According to licensed therapist Jessica Hackman, "When children are helped to build a positive, healthy self-image, they have a stronger social defense system. They are better able to protect themselves from the attacks on self-esteem that can occur in adolescence and young adulthood."

The MORE to ME campaign is focusing heavily on grabbing the attention of college students, both male and female. The American youth have traditionally been a source of activism and change through the course of time. "College students have been fundamental sources of change and we believe by involvement their passion and energy in the MORE to ME campaign, we have a chance at bringing this issue to light," says online health community expert Armen Berjikly, CEO and Founder of Experience Project.

Experience Project hopes the MORE to ME campaign will support the movement that is already happening within the area of eating, body, and health.

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Bringing a little learning to your lunchtime

By Eirinn Disbrow
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Lunchtime discussions have recently become a new trend here at the College. Whether deemed the "Brown Bag Lunch Series" or "Lunch and Learn", organizations such as Hillel, the Multicultural Center, and the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Community have been employing this concept to encourage informal discussions about relevant topics.

The Multicultural Center has collaborated with Dr. Richmond, Assistant Professor of the Psychology Department, to lead the "brown bag" discussions on topics related to the Center's mission.

Richmond emphasizes the importance of the "Brown Bag Lunch Series" on our campus. She explains, "I strongly believe that we are all responsible for promoting an inclusive campus environment and the Brown Bag Series is one forum for us, as a community, to engage and reflect about our role in uprooting bias and oppression."

The discussions last about an hour and a half and students, faculty, and staff are invited to bring a lunch since the discussions are meant to be informal.

Dr. Ethel Drayton-Craig, Director of the Multicultural Center, explains that the discussions are "not within the formal classroom setting so that there can be a relative ease in coming together. These discussions are important because they are another avenue for members of the community to have a voice, share opinions and experiences, and learn."

The next "Brown Bag" discussion, *Uprooting Racism: White Privilege and Ally Building*, will be held in the Multicultural Center on Wed., Mar 12 from 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Students are encouraged to drop by for all or part of the hour and fifteen minutes.

Hillel also has a very similar program called the "Lunch and Learn Torah Study" which has the same purpose as the "Brown Bag Series": to bring the campus together in a relaxed setting

for education and discussion. "Lunch and Learn" is different from the "Brown Bag Series," however, because it provides students with a free lunch instead of having them bring their own.

The program was conceived by Adrian Shanker '09, and was arranged by the Hillel Student board and staff about three semesters ago. Patricia Mittleman, Jewish Chaplain and Hillel Director, also strongly believes in the importance of this lunchtime discussion group.

"I think it is important to have events that remind us that as students, faculty, and staff, we are all a community of learners. It is what brings us to the College each day." "Lunch and Learn" happens about twice a month in Seegers 112. The next "Lunch and Learn" program is Mar. 12 at 12:30 p.m.

Students are encouraged to attend these programs because they not only instigate discussion but also promote awareness about different organizations and student perspectives on campus.

Mr. Nathan Gutman

A Holocaust Survivor
A Veteran of Israel's War of Independence
A Veteran of 1956 Sinai Campaign
A Loving Husband
A Caring Father
An Inspirational Grandfather

**March 11th
6:30PM**

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Moyer Hall, Miller Forum**

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 20 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in Seegers Union because Plant Operations was replacing the ceiling tile.

Feb. 20 - Theft - A stereo was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 2500 block on Liberty Street. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 21 - Theft - An iPod shuffle was taken from the wrestling room. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 22 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A Plant Operations truck backed into a student's vehicle in the 23rd and Gordon Street parking lot.

Feb. 22 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 2201 Chew Street.

Feb. 22 - Residential Policy - Campus Safety found excessive trashing on the first and second floor of Walz Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 23 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off in the Egner Memorial Chapel because of a hot water steam leak in the basement.

Feb. 23 - Theft - Three students stole trays to use as sleds from the General's Quarters in Seegers Union. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 23 - Sick Student - A student was vomiting due to alcohol poisoning on the third floor of Prosser Hall. He was arrested by the Allentown Police Department for underage consumption of alcohol and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 23 - Liquor Law - 18 students were found with underage consumption and possession of alcohol on the first floor of Prosser Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 23 - Found Property - A beer funnel was found by a Residential Advisor on the third floor of Walz Hall and turned into Campus Safety. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 24 - Suspicious Person - A student called to report that they had been mugged on N. 22nd Street. Campus Safety went to investigate the area and found nothing.

Feb. 24 - Noise Complaint - The Allentown Police Department arrived at the 407/409 N. 23rd Street apartment due to a noise complaint. One individual

was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct and two other individuals were referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 24 - Noise Complaint - The residents of 325 N. 22nd Street received a warning from Campus Safety to lower the noise coming from their house.

Feb. 24 - Liquor Law - Three students were found with underage consumption and possession of alcohol on the first floor of Prosser Hall. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 24 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn on the first floor of B Hall of East Hall.

Feb. 25 - Institutional Vandalism - An individual

punched four large holes into the wall by the east end stairwell on the fourth floor of Martin Luther Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 25 - Theft - A student left her purse in the General's Quarters of Seegers Union. When she went back to retrieve the purse she discovered that a camera and cash had been stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 25 - Disorderly Conduct - There was a snowball fight in the Prosser Quad. One student was referred to the Judicial Process.

Feb. 25 - Injured Employee - A professor from the Wescoe School fell down the stairs in the Wescoe building. She was taken to the hospital.

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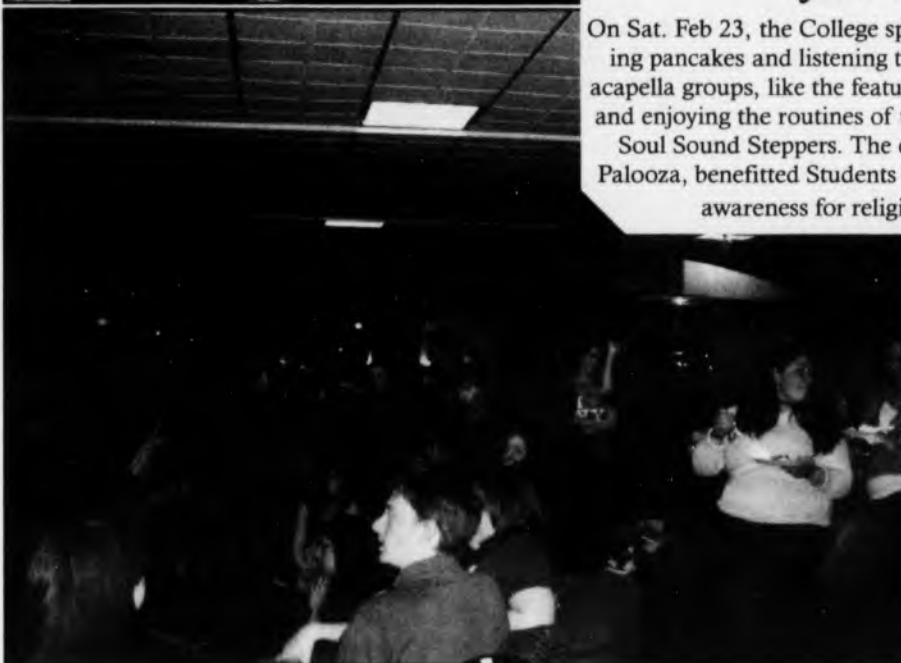
"People find life entirely too time consuming."

-Stanislaw Jerzy Lec



Pancakes and S.I.N: year two

On Sat. Feb 23, the College spent a late night in Seegers eating pancakes and listening to the sounds of the college's acapella groups, like the featured Noteworthy and Acafellas and enjoying the routines of the dance troupes, such as the Soul Sound Steppers. The event, aptly named Pancake Palooza, benefitted Students in Newman, and helped raise awareness for religious life on campus.



BOOM takes a trip to the opera

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

The closest that many students have gotten to the opera *Carmen* is through MTV's modern rendition of the show (remember that 2001 re-make with Beyonce in her *Destiny's Child* days?) But earlier this month, twenty students got a chance to travel to the Metropolitan Opera House to see world-famous opera – and we're not talking MTV's *Carmen: A Hip Hopera*.

Twenty 'Berg Organization of Music (BOOM) members traveled to New York City on the evening of Feb. 13 to watch *Carmen*, George Bizet's famous story of an enticing gypsy and her romance with a soldier.

The trip to the Metropolitan is just one of the many activities that BOOM members have participated in since the

club's formation several years ago.

The organization, supervised by Dr. Ted A. Conner, was formed to draw together musicians and non-musicians who share an interest in music. BOOM members also assist at musical events such as the Muhlenberg Piano series and A Capella Fest.

In the past year, BOOM members have traveled to local concerts as well as the Kimmel Center to hear the Philadelphia Orchestra.

"The trip to the Metropolitan Opera was a huge success. We were lucky enough to take a limo bus directly to the Met and watch an incredible performance of *Carmen*," said Janelle Garipoli, BOOM president. "The show included numerous live animals – we are talking donkeys, horses, and dogs – and of course, amazing singing," added Garipoli.

Carmen first premiered in Paris in 1875 and has grown to become one of the most widely performed shows in America. The Metropolitan performance, starring Russian mezzo-soprano, Olga Borodina, and directed by Emmanuel Villaume, allowed 'Berg students to get a taste of world-famous opera at a student-friendly price.

"I thought that the show was amazing,"

said Ariella Goldstein, MTA Liaison for BOOM. "If given the chance, I would love to see it again."



BOOM on their way to see the opera, *Carmen*, at the Metropolitan Opera House.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JANELLE GARIPOLI

Spring Break checklist: pack those condoms

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

We know that you have been working hard these six long weeks, and that you need a break. Trust us, we do too. So, for everyone's convenience we compiled a checklist of essentials to remember.

So, whether you're going to Cabo, Acapulco, or just down the street, here is a trusty checklist for this year's Spring Break:

We know you've been hitting the gym extra hard, trying to obtain that perfect swimsuit body. But don't worry if you haven't lost that extra five or ten pounds, regret will only bring down your Spring Break fun. No one but you will notice that extra weight, and most likely there is no extra weight, everyone else is just anorexic.

Plus, everyone will be too drunk to notice a roll or two anyway. The only six pack they care about is

beer.

Pack condoms. We're not implying that you're going to have sex with strangers; we're just going along with what MTV Spring Break has taught us since we were nine.

Plus, you don't want to be stuck in a foreign country where you can't read the label and end up buying a box of Wet Naps instead of Trojans.

We don't care how many kamikazes you've had, don't flash your boobs. It's tacky.

Know the names of the people you make out with in the bar. Or, at the very least, be prepared to be consistent with fake names when telling your friends about your hook ups. This way, you'll seem slightly less slutty.

Of course, if you're trying to reverse that double standard where girls can't be players, then the less names you know the better.

Boys, the drunker you

get, the uglier the girl will turn out to be when you wake up the next morning. Try to keep the beer goggles to a light fog for better memories in the morning, if you want memories that is.

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Body shots, though a Spring Break essential, a r e sticky...maybe you actually do need the Wet Naps, you should pick some up along with those condoms.

Stock up on food and alcohol as soon as you get to your destination. You know by day two all your money will be blown at the bars.

Buy lots of bread and lots of bottled water. Stay away from the native water. Your stomach will thank us for that little tip later.

Take lots of pictures. You won't actually remember what you did over Spring Break, so it's probably best to have photo evidence. Or maybe you *don't*

want to have photo evidence...

Take some staged "Look Mom, I'm standing in the Pacific Ocean" shots as soon as you arrive.

These can be passed around at the next family function without embarrassing yourself and your parents. Don't let them regret chipping in for your air fare.

Girls hooking up with girls is sooo high school.

Take advantage of every travel opportunity you can. You have ten free days to go bungee jumping in Mexico and surfing in Maui.

Keep your group small and travel with people that you know you can put up with for days on end. This way you can minimize the drama. Keep away the cat-fights especially when sand, salt and beer could all potentially be mixed. Eye damage on Spring Break? Really not fun.

Have fun, be safe, use this checklist and don't get arrested. Happy Spring Break!

AMC Weekend Listings



Vantage Point

Fri. 5:15, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:15, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 10:40, 5:15, 8:00

Definitely, Maybe

Fri. 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:10, 10:00
Sun. 1:15, 4:30, 7:10

Jumper

Fri. 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 2:45, 4:50, 7:20

Semi-Pro

Fri. 5:30, 8:15, 10:30
Sat. 5:30, 8:15, 10:30
Sun. 1:40, 5:30, 8:15

The Spiderwick Chronicals

Fri. 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
Sat. 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
Sun. 3:10 5:00, 7:30

Step Up 2: The Streets

Fri. 4:40, 7:45, 10:10
Sat. 4:40, 7:45, 10:10
Sun. 3:00, 4:40, 7:45

Fool's Gold

Fri. 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
Sat. 4:15, 6:50, 9:30
Sun. 2:15, 4:15, 6:50

No Country for Old Men

Fri. 4:10, 7:00 9:50
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WOULD YOUR AMERICAN GLADIATOR
NAME BE?



"Ice Blade."
- Hannah Wilkowski, '10



"Diamond."
- Vicky Tiochman, '10



"Jazz."
- Jed Reiff, '10



"Wolf."
- Mike Pesci, '09



"Bumblebee."
- Helena Manzella, '10

Compiled by Esme Mazzeo

Weekly Chat with Cara Owens, Sustainability Coordinator

By Peter Bennett
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Anytime I think about sustainability or recycling, the first thought that comes to mind is that song by Captain Compost-Heap on Nickelodeon's *Rocko's Modern Life*. You know, the one that goes, "R-E-C-Y-C-L-E, recycle. C-O-N-S-E-R-V-E, conserve. Don't you P-O-L-L-U-T-E the river, sky, or sea, or else you're gonna get, what you deserve."

With the library starting to double-sided printing and GQ switching to reusable plastic baskets, it's clear that Muhlenberg is becoming more environmentally conscious. So, it seemed only natural to ask Cara Owens, Muhlenberg's own sustainability coordinator, what individuals can do here on campus in addition to learning what her job is in keeping Muhlenberg environmentally friendly.

What is your job as a sustainability coordinator?

I work with pretty much all types of groups on campus, the staff, students and faculty, to keep track of all of our environmental efforts. That includes water and energy conservation, a lot of which comes from working with Plant Ops. I've also worked with students to get things double-sided printing in com-

puter labs. So it's a pretty broad job and we're working on getting a website up soon, which will provide more information.

Is this a new position here at Muhlenberg? And is it exclusive to Muhlenberg or a growing trend among colleges.

It was a new position, which I've been at since September. It was requested by the Greening Committee, which President Helm appointed soon after he came. This position is definitely a growing trend, both with colleges and corporations. A lot of businesses are hiring sustainability coordinators now, and Muhlenberg was fairly early in the trend.

You mentioned the library starting double-sided printing and students all seeing GQ now implementing reusable, plastic baskets. Are there any other environmental-friendly changes students should be on the lookout for?

There's been a lot going on lately. The big push that I've heard from students this semester is reducing bottled water consumption. It takes about three gallons to produce one gallon of water, plus issues of transportation and plastic by-products. And actually, EnAct had a taste test a couple weeks ago featuring bottled water versus filtered tap water. Most students couldn't tell

the difference. So, we're looking into encouraging students to refill their own water bottles. Sodexo said they sold 130,000 bottles of water last year (8/06-8/07), not including catered affairs. That's a lot of waste since not all of it is getting recycled.

Another big project that Muhlenberg is looking into is a grant to install solar panels. It's not a definite yet but it's something we're interested in doing and it would be great to supplement the electricity.

What is your perception of Muhlenberg students and their environmental awareness?

I'm still getting to know a lot of students, but in general I've seen a positive response. And they seem to be pretty involved and interested. Actually, EnAct is one of the oldest environmental groups, relative to other colleges in the area. It's also important to remember that the administration here really listens, so the ideas that come from students do get a lot of attention.

What can students do to be more energy efficient when they are restricted by dorm life and energy issues outside their control?

Aside from refilling water bottles, there's a lot students can do. From reducing the length of showers to

doing full loads of laundry, they can reduce water consumption. You can also reduce paper and use fluorescent light bulbs. But I think the biggest thing, is that if there is a problem out of their control, like a leaking faucet, be vocal. Let Plant Ops or Residential Services know.

There was actually an environmental communications class that put together a "Guide to Sustainable Living," which features tips for students. That's available on the Muhlenberg website at <http://www.muhlenberg.edu/committees/greening/greenguide.pdf>.

So a good place to start is that "Guide to Sustainable Living." And outside campus there are a lot of conservation organizations around. Students should also check out aashe.org, which provides resources and conservation groups specific to higher education. Also, with it being an election year, it's important to vote as well as learn about these issues.

Cara Owens left me with one closing thought, which was to "unplug electronics when not in use. Even if products are off, they still draw electricity." So as everyone leaves for Spring Break, make sure you unplug your computer, TV, and other electronics to do your part to help sustainable living. After all, you don't want Captain Compost-Heap coming after you.

Kate Voegelé: *Don't Look Away*

By Peter Bennett
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Remember a couple of years ago when both Michelle Branch and Vanessa Carlton emerged on the pop scene and nobody except their hardcore fans could really distinguish between them? Imagine these two women cross bred into a musical lovechild, the result being Kate Voegelé.

When this up-and-coming artist left her art education degree at the University of Miami, Ohio to release and pursue her debut album, little did she know that in less than one year she would be receiving national exposure as a recurring character on the CW network's hit drama, *One Tree Hill*.

On the show, Voegelé plays Mia, the premiere artist on Peyton's (Hilarie Burton) newly created record label. Voegelé uses this opportunity to play a different song

from her record, *Don't Look Away*, every episode. She portrays them as songs that Mia sings while recording the first album to represent Peyton's new business endeavor.

Since she has become a part of this cult teen television phenomenon, her album has skyrocketed from being unknown to making its way to number sixty-three on the Billboard Top 200 albums chart last week.

Infusing the perfect elements of an ideal pop/rock ratio, it is Voegelé's incredibly unique and distinctive voice that soars on this record that could easily be seen as the twin LP to Ashlee Simpson's debut, *Autobiography*.

The album opens up with "Chicago," an upbeat track about leaving a bad relationship behind to start a new free life. It continues to include tracks such as the inspiring ballad, "It's Only Life," about looking for light when trapped in dark-

ness, and "No Good," another fierce anthem of female independence with a hook so catchy that it will stay in your head for at least two days after hearing it.

Next comes "I Won't Disagree," the grand prize winner of the 2006 New York City Songwriter's Circle. This mid-tempo track sticks out simply because it does not follow the theme of the rest of the record. Unlike most of the album, which is about a nasty breakup and letting go of someone to grab a hold of herself, Voegelé expresses her inner-romantic by extending a helping hand and a shoulder for her lover to cry on.

"Rockabye my baby, don't be blue tonight, oh I'm on my way and I'm gonna make it right," she croons in such a way that the listener can't help but want to take her up on her offer.

The album closes with the song "Kindly Unspoken," the current sin-

gle that is climbing its way up the charts (peaking thus far at #66 on the Pop 100). It is this melancholy and raw piano-driven ballad that was first featured on *One Tree Hill*. It is the least rock-influenced track on the album and sounds more like a trained vocalist pounding her heart away on piano keys at an intimate open mic night in the Lower East Village.

The most refreshing thing about Voegelé is her ability to sing mainstream pop music, yet making it seem completely original and her own. She transcends the border between independent artist and featured MTV pop star extremely skillfully, making her sound appeal to fans of various genres.

If you don't want to purchase her album right away, watch an episode of *One Tree Hill* and I guarantee that her rich and gorgeously different voice will have you immediately hooked.

"Run-DMC" and pair of d-line-men make huge impression at the NFL Combine

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

With the NFL Draft looming at the end of April, scouts from all 32 NFL teams have been watching every step of hundreds of future players at the annual NFL combine. Most of the time, the combine is used as a stepping stone to reach a higher draft position, and is rarely attended by those whose draft stock is within the top 5-10 picks. However, a plethora of top talent, including dynamic running back Darren McFadden (a.k.a. "Run-DMC"), have decided to participate in this year's workout.

McFadden has been compared with last year's rookie sensation, Adrian Peterson. Peterson also competed at the combine last year, putting up freakish numbers in the 40-yard dash, vertical leap, and broad jump (4.40 seconds, 38.5", and 10' 7" respectively). Although there were many skeptics of how McFadden's game would translate to the pro game,

any pre-draft argument has been thrown out the window due to McFadden's performance in this year's Combine. With a 40 time of 4.33 seconds and a broad jump of 10' 8", "Run-DMC" is showing he could be just as much of an impact player as Peterson, outperforming him in two of three major categories. Depending on how teams address their needs, don't be surprised if McFadden is taken within the top 3 picks, most likely the Falcons as they need a dynamic player to revive the atmosphere in Atlanta.

The other big names doing well at the combine are a pair of defensive ends, Virginia's Chris Long and Ohio State's Vernon Gholston. Long, who could be drafted first overall pick by the Miami Dolphins, has shown that he has the overall package. He has great speed for his size (4.75 40 time, 6' 4" and 275 lbs.), and has shown his overall athleticism in all of the events. Gholston, who could project as an outside linebacker in a 3-4 scheme, has shown off his freakish speed and strength as

well, running a 4.67 40 time, as well as 37 bench press repetitions at 225 lbs. The latter is tied for the combine lead. With both impressing at the combine, there is a great chance that both of them will end up in the top 10 of this year's draft, if not the top 5 or higher.

Some other key notes from the combine: East Carolina running back Chris Johnson ran the fastest at the combine, posting a 4.24 40. He is projected as a second round draft choice. Michigan wide receiver Mario Manningham, who was projected as a possible first round choice, hurt his stock because of his poor time, running a 4.6. Two top quarterback prospects (Boston College QB Matt Ryan and Kentucky QB Andre Woodson) are at the combine but not participating in drills. Both are projected to be selected in the first two rounds of the draft, with Ryan being the number one QB prospect in the draft this year. Next time, we will take a closer look at Ryan, Woodson, and the rest of the top quarterbacks in this year's NFL Draft.

Track and Field ready for CC Championships

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In their final meet before the Centennial Conference Championships, the Track and Field Teams competed at Haverford's Keogh Invitational on Fri., Feb. 22 for a non-scoring meet. Junior Stuart Udis and sophomore Alex Faust each won their events in the 800 meters and the pole vault, respectively. Senior Michael Karchner also had a strong showing in the pole vault with 12 feet.

Sophomore Brendan Kirk

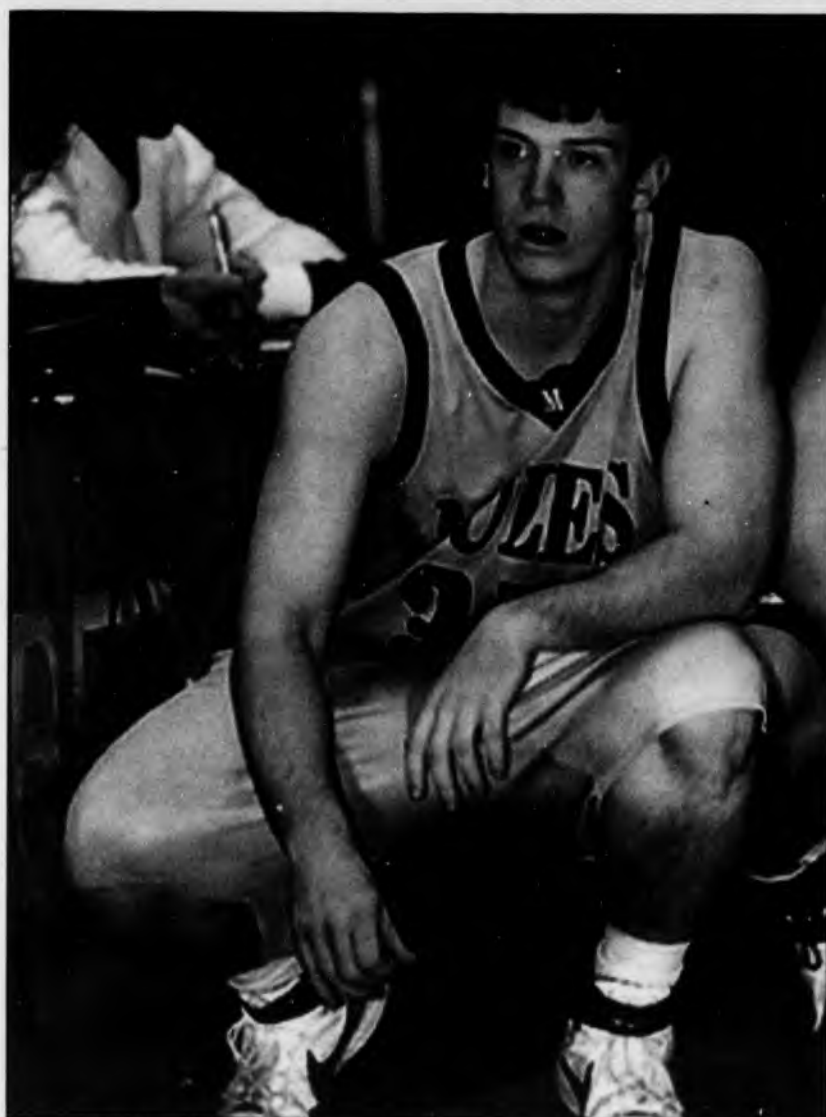
secured his place in third on the Muhlenberg all-time performance list in the 55-meter hurdles with a personal record of 8.25. Junior Lucy Brock finished with a personal best in the same event with a time of 9.38. Junior Evan Shappard came in third place in the shot put with 44-6.75. For the women, Debra Crockett placed second with 35-10.75.

Next up for Muhlenberg Track and Field are the Centennial Conference Championships on Sat. and Sun., Mar. 1-2.



Junior Lucy Brock recorded a personal best in the 55-meter hurdles at the Keogh Invitational.

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Senior Greg Pask played his final game as a Mule on Sat. against Ursinus.

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Men's Basketball loses in finale

By Alyssa Scaglione
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Men's Basketball Team found itself in the exact same position it did last year with an 8-9 record in the Centennial Conference and the chance to earn a playoff spot against the Conference dominators, the Ursinus Bears. This year it was a huge challenge for the Mules who needed a win against an undefeated team in the Conference as well as a team ranked 17th in the nation in Division III. The Mules put up a great fight against this stellar team throughout the whole game but fell to the Bears by a margin of three points, 72-69.

The last few moments of the game were stressful with back and forth possessions where both teams had equal opportunities to score. The Mules were down by seven with only 1:40 left to go

in the game. With two free throws and a three-point play by junior Mike Bernardini, the Mules were back in action with only 42 seconds left. Ursinus, now only up by three, used the remaining seconds to their advantage and caused a shot-clock violation which left the Mules with the ball at the end of the court and just seven seconds to tie the game.

The Mules looked to Bernardini for their last attempt at a win and a playoff berth as they passed the ball into the corner three-point range. The shot was off by just a little but it was enough to end the 2007-08 season for the Mules.

Bernardini was the leading scorer for the Mules. He finished with 27 points, 12 of which were free-throws. Junior Darrell Roth along with sophomore Ryan Foster each contributed 11 points.

Sports Schedule and Results

Women's Basketball (19-6, 14-4 CC)

Wed., Feb. 20 vs. Dickinson, W 68-62

Sat., Feb. 23 vs. Ursinus, L 69-71

Men's Basketball (10-15, 8-10 CC)

Wed., Feb. 20 at Dickinson, L 50-59

Sat., Feb. 23 vs. Ursinus L 69-72

Wrestling

Sat., Feb. 23 Centennial Conference Championships (Ursinus), 6th

Track and Field

Sat., Mar. 1 Centennial Conference Championships (Ursinus), TBA

Sun., Mar. 2 Centennial Conference Championships (Ursinus), TBA

Fri., Mar. 7 ECAC Championships (Harvard), TBA

Sat., Mar. 8 ECAC Championships (Harvard), TBA

Women's Lacrosse

Mon., Mar. 3 vs. Gettysburg (Orlando, Fla.) 9:30

Wed., Mar. 5 vs. Gwynedd-Mercy (Orlando, Fla.) 3:30

Wed., Mar. 12 at Moravian 4:00

Men's Lacrosse (0-1, 0-0 CC)

Mon., Feb. 25 vs. Stevens, L 5-7

Sun., Mar. 2 @ Greensboro 1:00

Wed., Mar. 12 vs. Kings Point 7:00

Women's Tennis (0-1, 0-0 CC)

Sun., Feb. 24 @ Vassar, L 0-9

Men's Tennis (0-1, 0-1 CC)

Sun., Feb. 24 at Swarthmore, L 0-9

Wed., Mar. 12 vs. Moravian 4:30

Softball

Mar. 2-7 Rebel Spring Games (Kissimmee, Fla.)

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Tournament bound!

By Josh Goldstein
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

The Women's Basketball Team started off their last week of play with a big game against the then first-place Dickinson Red Devils at home. After struggling with their offensive output against the Red Devils earlier in the year, the Mules knew that scoring was a big key against one of D3 top defensive teams. The Mules put up 31 points in the first half and took a 9-point lead into the locker room, 32-23. The Mules shot over 50 percent against one of the best defensive teams in the nation.

The second half was not as comfortable as the Mules were forced into 22 turnovers for the game and saw Dickinson take 9 more shots than them in the second half. However, Muhlenberg's 19 trips to the foul line in the second half helped them keep the lead and win 68-62. Sophomore Alexis Bates led the way with 16 points, and her team was helped by double digit contributions from both junior Lauren Boyle (12 points) and freshman Sheila Cook (10 points). Junior Erin McSherry also made a solid contribution with 10 rebounds and 5 blocks. The win gave the Mules a share for first place in the Centennial Conference.

Saturday rolled around and seniors Abra Like and Michelle Feldman were honored for their four years of service to Muhlenberg Basketball. If the Mules won the game they would host the Centennial Conference Tournament for the second time in three years. However, the Ursinus Bears had a different idea as they came out and put the Mules in a difficult hole from the start. 13 minutes into

the game the Mules had only scored 9 points and were down 16 points to the visiting Bears. Muhlenberg cut the lead to 14 at halftime but would need an outstanding second half to pull off the comeback.

An early Mule run cut the second-half lead to single digits, and after 7 minutes the Mules found themselves down just 4 points. Then with 8:56 the Mules completed the first comeback on a Kaitlyn O'Malley '10 three to tie the game at 49. However, a 3-point play and a 3-point shot gave the Bears a 6-point lead.

With 2 minutes left the Mules were down 10 points, but managed an impressive run, scoring 7 points in one minute to cut the lead to 3. The Mules would eventually cut the lead to one and had a chance to score at the end of the game but the desperation attempts would not fall and the Mules dropped their last regular season game, 71-69.

The Mules were led by Boyle and McKeon in scoring with 22 and 18 points, respectively, and received great rebounding from McSherry and Bates who grabbed 12 and 11 rebounds, respectively.

With the loss the Mules lost out on hosting the Centennial Conference Tournament and will have to travel to Lancaster, PA to play Dickinson in the first round of the Tournament. The good news for the Mules is that over the last few years, the host team of the Tournament has not won except for the Mules two years ago. Maybe they can continue the trend and win the Centennial Conference Tournament out in Lancaster and bring home another championship the Muhlenberg. Good luck ladies.

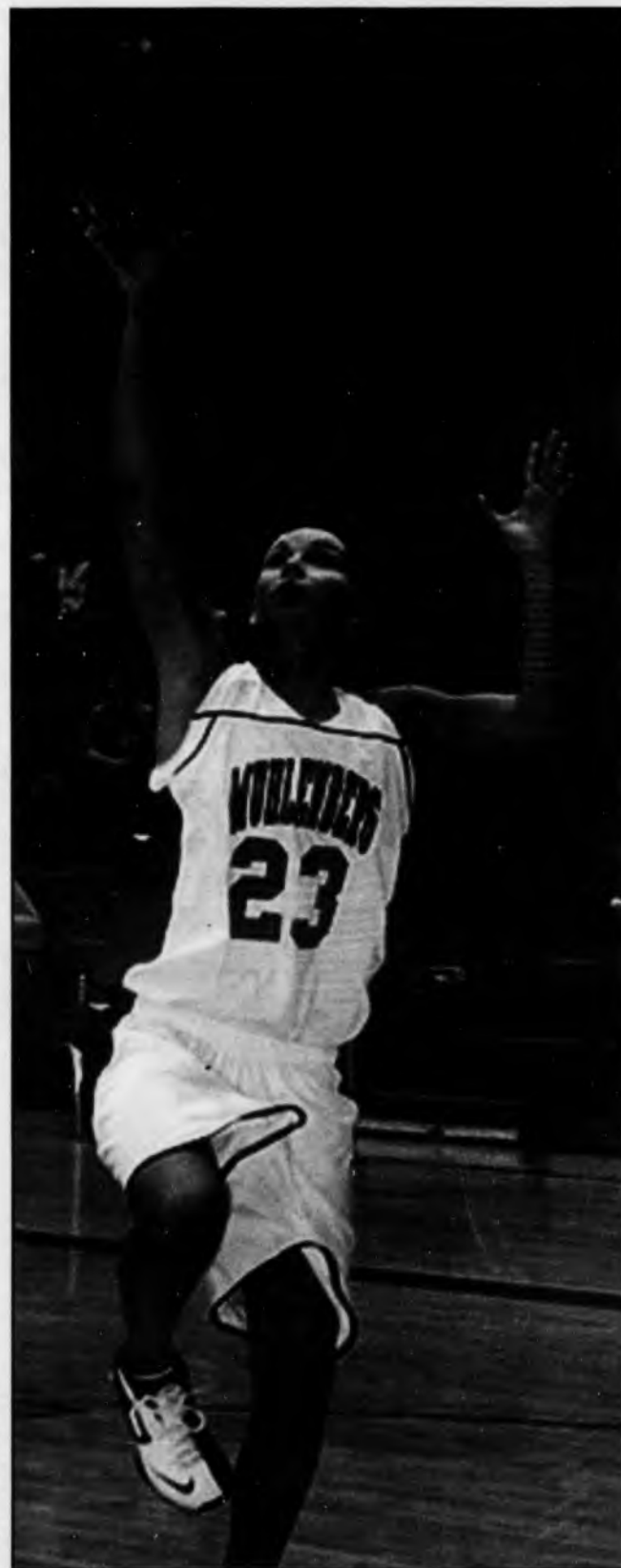
Wrestling finishes sixth

By Matthew Howard
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Wrestling Team closed out the 2007-2008 season on Sat. at the Centennial Conference Championships hosted by Ursinus. Unfortunately, the Mules were unable to produce an individual winner and finished in sixth place as a team. Two second-place finishes, by juniors Billy Hall and Justin Fitch, highlighted the Tournament for the Mules.

Both Hall and Fitch were faced with the daunting task of trying to defeat two top seeds. After a hard fought match, Hall eventually lost in the 141 lbs. division finals to the top seed. Fitch lost in the 174 lbs. finals to the two-time Centennial Conference Wrestler of the Year. Junior Matt Horn won his consolation final for the third consecutive year.

The Tournament was a culmination of all the hard work and dedication the Mules put into this season.



Senior Michelle Feldman (above) and fellow senior Abra Like were honored on Sat. for their four years on the team.

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Holocaust survivor retells experience on the Altalena

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

In honor of Hillel's celebrations for Israel's 60th birthday, Nathan Gutman, grandfather of Jen Gutman '08, spoke in Miller forum last Tues., Mar. 11. The event was sponsored by America's Pro-Israel Lobby and Legacy Heritage Fund and was organized by Jon Falk '10 and Jen Gutman.

Falk and Jen decided to collaborate on the project because of their passion for Israel and their involvement in related projects. Falk helped to coordinate Israel Action Week and Jen has been working on Muhlenberg's Got Talent, two events that recognize the importance of the US/Israel relationship. Ever since Jen's Freshman year, Gutman expressed an interest in spending a day at the College with her. Jen realized that she could make her grandfather's dream come

true while simultaneously educating her peers on the birth of Israel. "I thought what better way to celebrate the state of Israel then to hear stories from someone who has not only lived through Israel's birth, but as a 21-year old risked his life to help establish a Jewish state," says Jen. Guests were provided with dinner while Gutman spoke of his experiences serving on the crew of the Altalena.

Gutman informed us that the Altalena was a ship sent to Israel by a right wing political group in the state of Israel called the "Irguns." In June of 1948, during the Arab-Israeli Independence War, the Altalena was provided with military supplies and 930 fighters to aid Israel in their fight to achieve Israeli statehood. Unfortunately, the left wing political group, called

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Jen Gutman '08 (left) and Jon Falk '10 (right) arranged for Nathan Gutman to speak in Miller Forum as part of Hillel's celebration for Israel's 60th birthday.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

Sara Keller: new Student Body President

By Ally Margolis
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Upon her first visit to Muhlenberg College, Sara Keller '10 noticed an environment made up of committed and spirited students. It was an environment she felt destined to become a part of. After serving as a representative to the sophomore class, Keller felt it was time to step up and take on a new and more challenging role. She campaigned for, and was ultimately elected to serve as the College's Student Body President.

While many of us would find the campaigning process to be overwhelming to say the least, Sara describes it with ease and comfort. Going around questioning students on their feelings and ideas has allowed her to experience, "One of the best opportunities for you to really know your campus environment." Campaigning has provided her with the chance to hear an array of opinions from many different people.

One idea that Sara has been campaigning is that of improving, rather than changing, Muhlenberg's current way of doing things. She is not looking to overstep the policies that have benefited many students for so long, but rather seeking to improve our current system where it is necessary.

One area where she feels improvement is most necessary is in the current communication between students, clubs, sports teams, and administration. She feels that with all of the talented students on campus, a change must be made in order to ensure that organizations can gain the attention of their peers more easily.

On top of redirecting the current communication process, Keller has set a number of other goals for herself and the Council to fulfill. She would like to add a coffee station or cart to the library, seeing as many students could use a cup or two while hitting the books. She hopes



Sara Keller '10 is the College's new Student Body President.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SARA KELLER

to expand the use of the swipe to other dining areas on campus, like the Life Sports Center Café. Being that Greek life is an important part of many students' lives, Sara seeks to enhance the Greek community's involvement on campus by making the student body more conscious of each organization. Also on the agenda are fixing current parking dilemmas and increasing transportation options within Allentown.

So far Sara has been doing an incredible job in leading the Council, as well as all Muhlenberg students, along a growing path of opportunities and improvements. With the goals set by this Student Body President, Muhlenberg can now flourish into an even more nurturing and beneficial environment for its students, faculty, and staff.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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We think we're alone now...

The time has come for registration (cue long annoyed sigh). Or, at least, you would be sighing if you had to sit in the long winding line that has signified registration to us for the last three years. No more. The Registrar has finally gone digital. Props to them for being environmentally conscious and saving us the mind-numbing wait, but we wonder if anything is really going to be all that different.

It is the same process, just alone. No longer do we have personalized help – we are helping ourselves. This is nice in a way, because it allows us to be the independent college students that we should be, but it will be a far cry from registration as we have known it. We can bet that there will be even more sighs of frustration and annoyance as computers freeze, the wrong courses are chosen or the website is not compatible with certain browsers. We wonder how many people will be competent enough at 8:30 in the morning to orchestrate a whole list (with courses and alternatives filled out) rather than merely wait for a nicely printed sheet to be handed to them.

Registration has been the most passive thing in our lives these past three years, and we wonder how many of us can handle an active roll. Being active means adding yet another thing to our to-do lists. Complete with training sessions beforehand, that list seems endless.

All we can say is, you'd better do a painstakingly good job devising a schedule with your advisor before registration, because after that, no more human contact. Armed with a plan, make sure you know exactly what credits you need to graduate because let's face it, there's something about not having someone look over your shoulder that makes us hyperventilate. Just keep in mind that we're all part of the computer generation, and we should stick to what we know. But by all means, still make that dorky map, and color code like you mean it.

Prepare for the worst, and know what you want. At registration we all have those moments where we think, oh maybe an 8 a.m'er won't be so bad. But remember, when next semester comes, you'll curse the day you handed in that paper. Oh wait, now we're clicking a mouse.

Registration for Fall 2008 will begin Wednesday, April 9. Registration will be online. Don't be held up because you have an unpaid tuition bill, residential fine or a parking fine!

Invoices for unpaid accounts have been mailed to your on campus box and your home address.

Questions regarding these unpaid accounts should be directed to:

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Make sure your account is paid in full before you try to register. You will not be allowed to register for Fall 2008 classes unless all outstanding bills are paid.

Letters to the Editor

America is currently in the primaries of one of the biggest elections in our history. Every single candidate is running on a platform that includes the need for America to be more accountable and transparent to its citizens. Votes are demanding a need for our President, and the government in general, to be more connected to its constituents. Likewise, Muhlenberg's Student Government should also be working to this same goal, and they are not doing this to the extent they should.

This is not written to attack any specific person or group in our Student Government, but simply to state the fact that during this term, the student government has TWICE voted down an amendment stating that there should be a roll-call vote on any issue that might be deemed important. The problem with not having the possibility for a roll-call vote is that it creates a lack of accountability because nobody outside the room knows how anybody on student government has voted. This takes the power away from the constituents, the Student Body, and puts complete control in the hands of a small group of students. You will not be able to vote with the knowledge that a representative voted against something that directly affects you or your group.

We understand that many people believe that student government at Muhlenberg College is pointless, but it must be realized that all of the finances for clubs at the school are in Student Council's hands, and when any resolution for change is written, it is written in every student at Muhlenberg's name, not just the elected representatives.

Any respected government in the world has roll-call votes, but Muhlenberg College's Student Government refuses to do this, largely because of an old boy mentality. They don't want to put pressure on themselves or their friends. But in order to truly legislate and represent every person at this school, a roll-call vote needs to be possible. Without this, the student government will continue to lack respect from its students and staff and the community at large. If there is no connection, transparency, or accountability, Muhlenberg College Student Government will continue on the road to being obsolete.

Blaine McFeeley '08
Matt Fash '09

VOTE for your control

I just wanted to make the Muhlenberg community aware of the sad exclusion of at least one male Muhlenberg student from competing in this year's Mr. Muhlenberg competition. When I competed in this "prestigious" competition, any male student who seriously wanted to participate was granted a spot in the (comedic) male beauty pageant. As a graduate and former title holder ('06), I look to see who, of the undergraduates I still know, could become the next Mr. Muhlenberg.

It just so happens a good friend of mine, a brother, was very excited about participating in this event. In all honesty, he is the most genuine and courteous guy I know. He's full of school spirit and can entertain a crowd (he does it every Saturday during football season). So why wasn't he allowed to compete?

Well, he tells me, the Student Council class ('09) running this competition had "no need" for him. They had his "demo-graphics covered." What the hell does that mean? Apparently they already had men competing who are either athletes or fraternity men. So now we are discriminating against men to compete in this pageant?

You already have athletes and fraternity men and you have "no need" for one more? Well, you already have plenty of upper-middle class white men competing as well. Why not one more from THAT demographic? That is pathetic.

I am deeply disheartened by this. My nominee for Mr. Muhlenberg 2008 was Brian Kaplan and he wasn't allowed to compete for some bogus reasons. Class of 2009, I hope you're damn proud of your Class Council. They represent you well.

Rob Brennan, '07

Disgrace and discrimination of Mr. Muhlenberg 2008

No We Can't!



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

I was unable to write an article for the last issue of *The Weekly* distributed before Spring Break and in place of my regular piece was an article entitled "Misrepresenting McCain." I thought I would take the time to quickly respond to that article since it will lead into my general article for this week.

Before anything, I would like to credit the author for picking out the typo in my piece that stated McCain's last run in the Republican

primary was in 2004, when in fact it was in 2000. Beyond that, I am going to have to whole-heartedly disagree with everything else the author stated.

First off, he referred to McCain's likely rival as "Barack Hussein Obama." Referring to Obama by his full name was an action that was recently criticized by McCain, after one of his supporters repeatedly called him by his full name when attacking his policy ideas before introducing McCain at a rally. Why would McCain criticize someone calling his opponent "Barack Hussein Obama?"

He would because it is a subliminal cheap shot and a way for narrow-minded people to associate the likely Democratic candidate with Saddam Hussein. So unless the author is going to refer to his preferred candidate as "John Sidney McCain III" every time he writes about him, there is no reason to call Obama by his full name.

I just wanted to point out to the author that his own candidate would have had that critique to make of his article. If you want to follow up on this story simply google Bill Cunningham and John McCain and you'll find more than

enough stories on it.

Moving on, to clarify a little further about McCain's movement to the right in order to get elected, during the 107 Congress McCain was ranked as the sixth most liberal Senator according to the non-partisan www.voteview.com, which simply calculates votes for all the Senators and if those votes break with the conservative or liberal causes.

This same analysis of his votes during the 109 Congress found him to be the second most conservative senator. McCain has also broke with votes he made in 2001 and 2003 to support the Bush tax cut extension plan in 2006, part of the same plan which is currently leading us into a recession.

Finally, about the author's and John McCain's criticism of Obama's "eloquent but empty call for change." First, it is funny how Obama gets criticized for speaking well. I am not sure what is wrong with finally having a President who can form a sentence without making it look like it is the most difficult task in the world.

More importantly, Obama has very clear and well-articulated policy strategy that is a clean break with

the last eight years of Bush's rule. Voting for McCain, on the other hand, is simply a vote to maintain the status-quo in Washington.

It is sad to watch McCain and even a desperate Hilary Clinton attack Obama for believing he can change this country in a positive direction. If Obama's campaign slogan is "Yes We Can," then let McCain's be "No We Can't!" We can't end the Iraq War anytime soon, maybe not even for another 100 years. We can't pull the economy out of the looming recession. We can't find a way to give everybody in this country healthcare.

McCain's candidacy prefers to take the gloom and doom route, which takes a page from the Bush playbook about scaring you into giving away your rights and beliefs about having a better economy, better healthcare, and less hawkish foreign policy.

That strategy has now cost us a trillion dollars in Iraq, which is in turn hurting our domestic economy, while at the same time is fanning the flames of Al-Queda throughout the Middle East.

If this comes down to Obama vs. McCain, then it is a vote for change vs. status quo.

Everyone loves a good scandal

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Last week's news headlines were just the latest in the soap opera we so often refer to as "politics." New

York Governor Eliot Spitzer was caught doing business with a high-priced prostitution ring, made a public plea for forgiveness, and resigned. He will undoubtedly be the butt of every political joke on Saturday Night Live until the next big scandal rolls along.

Sound like a familiar pattern? This wouldn't be the first time a high-profile politician figure was caught doing the dirty in an extramarital affair (cough...Clinton...cough). I'd like to say I'm shocked or outraged, but can't even say I'm surprised. Let's face it: scandal happens, it has always happened, and it will continue to happen. And there's nothing America likes more than scandal involving sex (and \$4,300 an hour prostitutes).

Spitzer was revered as a morals guy, feeding his supporters lines about "family value uses" and building his reputation by cracking down on Wall Street swindlers. I can't speak for New Yorkers, but I bet there's a feeling of betrayal in the air. But honestly, I'm not that disappointed. Perhaps disillusionment from the surplus of lame, hypocritical leadership that seems to reign supreme in government these days has finally taken its toll on me.

Heck, maybe scandalous affairs are the new way to go about winning public approval. Just one day after taking office, NY's new Lt. Gov. David Paterson publicly admitted to having a string of affairs over the duration of his rocky marriage - including one fling with a state payroll employee. Ironically, he has probably earned the faith of the people by airing out his dirty laundry. In fact, I won't even be surprised if Spitzer makes some sort of comeback once the story of his downfall has exhausted itself from the headlines of *The New York Times*. I mean, look at Clinton: his approval ratings actually took a turn for the better in wake of the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

Perhaps I am exaggerating. Spitzer is not the president. Clinton did not have the audacity to wire thousands of dollars to a prostitution service. In fact, these are exaggerations. But so is the soap opera world of politics. Meeting up in D.C. hotel rooms under the alias of "Client 9?" Paying \$4,300 an hour for a prostitute? (And not just a prostitute, but a call-girl now using her notoriety to launch a singing career via MySpace - just look up Ashley Alexandra Dupre.)

So to Miss Dupre: soak up the 15 minutes of fame honey, because you're just another notch on the bedpost of political scandal. I guess I'll side with my fellow disillusioned voters on this one: as long as a politician does their job in office, I don't care what they're doing in the bedroom (so long as my tax dollars aren't sitting in some hooker's G-string).

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Dr. Dunham: New Experiences to come at Cambridge and Harvard Universities

By Caitlin Bandfield
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As far as semesters go, the next two are looking to be both exceptional and exhilarating for the College's Dr. William Dunham. The Truman Koehler Professor of Mathematics here at the College, Dr. Dunham will be spending the Fall 2008 semester teaching at Harvard University and the Spring 2009 semester on sabbatical in England at the University of Cambridge.

Those of you who read a profile in the Muhlenberg Weekly earlier in the semester may remember that Dr. Dunham greatly admires the renowned Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler, a figure who, according to Dunham, is to mathematics what Shakespeare is to literature. In addition to winning the esteemed Beckenback prize for his 1999 book *Euler: The Master of Us All*, Dr. Dunham was also invited to Harvard University in

December of 2007 to give a speech on Euler. While he was there, Harvard's chairman of the Mathematics department asked him if he would be interested in teaching their own students a course on the subject. "I was completely surprised and pleased at such a great honor," Dr. Dunham says. "This is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity." He put together his own materials to formulate a class devoted entirely to Euler, a course that promises to be unique in its coverage of the history of mathematics, which is one of Dr. Dunham's personal passions. "This is enrichment for Harvard's students, a chance for them to have a greater understanding of the history of math," Dunham notes.

After the fall semester at Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Dr. Dunham will spend the following semester in another Cambridge, this time in England. Dunham will be

on sabbatical at the University of Cambridge with his wife Penny – professor of mathematics and computer science at Muhlenberg – from February to July of 2009.

One of the reasons they both decided on the University of Cambridge was because Penny Dunham (whose graduate work was in mathematics education) published a paper with a well-known professor at the University, and can serve as a resource for research in American education.

For Dr. Dunham, who will act as a visiting scholar and will spend a great deal of time in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, a semester at the University of Cambridge will allow him to do more research in the history of mathematics.

The fact that both Sir Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin, who Dr. Dunham argues may be the top two scientists ever to live, are alumni of the University is



Dr. William Dunham, the Truman Koehler Professor of Mathematics will be teaching at Harvard University and Cambridge University during the 2008-2009 academic year.

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an equally important attraction: Dunham will be able to meet people, have access to library papers, and learn more about these influential figures. The ongoing celebration for Darwin's 200th birthday that will take place while the Dunhams are in Cambridge is just icing on

the cake.

The next two semesters promise to be an exciting time for Dr. Dunham. "I'm going to miss my friends and students here at Muhlenberg," he says, "but I'm really looking forward to these upcoming adventures."

Crime Victims Council: Volunteers Needed

The Crime Victims Council of the Lehigh Valley is looking for volunteers to help provide support to victims of sexual assault and other violent crimes. Volunteers are needed to help staff a 24-hour hotline. The spring 2008 Volunteer Training Program will begin on Tues., Mar. 25 at Hope United Church of Christ in Allentown.

A total of ten training class sessions will take place on Tues. and Thurs. nights from 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include child abuse, the emotional aftermath of crime, crisis intervention, the criminal justice system, homicide, and listening and counseling skills.

Crime Victims Council is looking for caring, compassionate, and dedicated individuals who have evening, daytime, or weekend time available. Volunteers are needed to staff a 24-hour hotline and accompany victims to area hospitals, police departments, or court proceedings.

If interested, volunteers may also assist with presenting educational programs, helping at health fairs and fundraising events, or co-facilitating support groups.

A pre-training interview is required before taking the Training Class. To find out more information email Jeff Faller at jfaller@cvclv.org.

Compiled by Meredith Clinton

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Muhlenberg Dining Services has partnered with Smarter Fuel to turn the used fryolator oil from the kitchen to be recycled and used as biodiesel. The grease is picked up weekly. 100% of the used fryolator grease from the campus kitchen is recycled as biodiesel.

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We pride ourselves in our consistent social responsibility to the environment by taking the necessary initiatives toward a more eco-friendly dining experience.

Due to former President Bill Clinton's visit, Campus Safety was unable to meet with the Weekly Staff.

Campus Safety Notes will return in our next issue on April 3, 2008.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Moravian College

Hauptert Union Building

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12:00-12:30pm

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2:00-2:45pm

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the "Hagana", suspected that the right wing was sending the Altalena to try and take over the Israeli government and consequently, they blew up the ship when it was outside of Tel Aviv. Gutman explained that he can be seen at the stern of the burning Altalena in a photograph taken by a *Life* magazine photographer.

In his speech, Gutman briefly mentioned that he was rescued by American troops from a concentration camp in Austria. He explained that they revived him in an American Field Camp for two weeks and because he was so close to death, he does not remember this experience. "I do not know if I would have made it another hour," Gutman said.

Gutman focused, however, much more on his experience on the Altalena. He explained that the ship was purchased by "The Three Star Line," which was basically a cover for "The American League for a Free Palestine." It was intended to bring Jewish survivors of the Holocaust to Palestine.

"Life on the ship was no picnic. It was hard work," explained Gutman. He clarified that as part of the crew he had to spend four hours on watch. For half of that time he was on the bridge watching the gyrocompass to make sure the ship was on course and for the other two hours he was watching through binoculars up on the mast. During his eight hours off he had to work on the ship, painting and chipping away at the rust.

Gutman vividly described his experience during the shooting of Altalena. He said, "the first time that I realized something was wrong is when I heard shots fired. I did not understand what was happening but the bullets were for sure real because we already had two dead and several wounded." He explained that the Captain hoisted a white flag, but the shooting did

not stop. A shell then fell into the cargo, exploded, and caught fire. The crew tried to extinguish the flames but it intensified.

The Captain then ordered to abandon ship and so Gutman obeyed and swam six hours until darkness fell and he landed on a beach in Tel Aviv. "I was picked up by two Civil Guard members who reunited me with the rest of the crew. Sixteen people lost their lives in that affair and scores were wounded," Gutman explains.

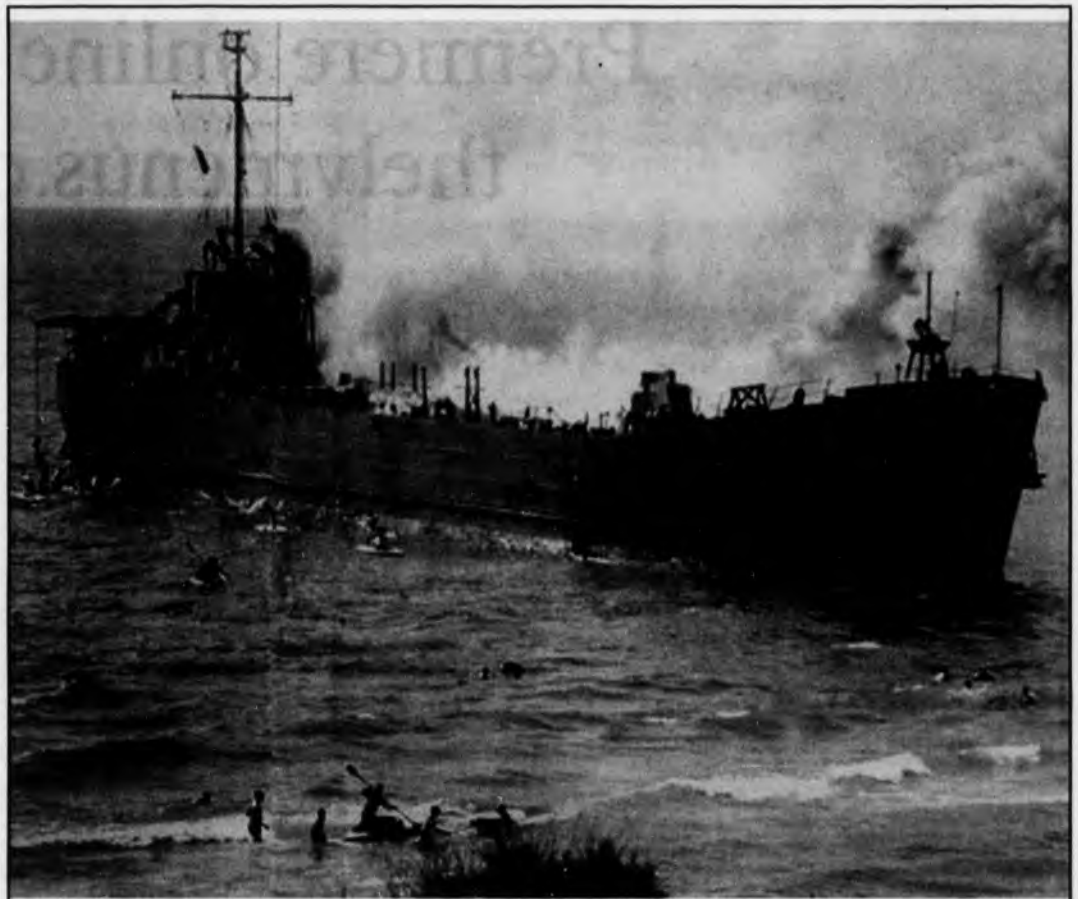
Gutman concluded his speech by mentioning that he received an official discharge certificate from Altalena about a month later. He then volunteered for the Israeli Navy and joined a Naval Command unit.

After Gutman's speech guests were allowed to ask any questions that they might have. One guest asked how the crew and passengers were able to sustain one another during their six month experience on Altalena. Gutman replied, "people just wanted to get to Israel."

We were one big cohesive group that wanted and needed to repay Jerusalem. We wanted to fight for Jerusalem." Other questions included: the number of women on the ship, if Gutman was able to get in contact with his family after he was released from the concentration camp, and how he eventually ended up coming to the United States.

Gutman ended the lecture by encouraging the audience to draw their own conclusions about what his story means. "You heard the story. You draw the conclusion. What does it mean to you," he said.

Jen has drawn her own meaning from her grandfather's story. She says, "Listening to my grandfather speak, I could not be more proud to be his granddaughter. His defiance and will to survive surpassed all odds and has taught me never to stray from my heart's desire."



Altalena burning in Tel - Aviv

Nathan Gutman jumped from the stern of the Altalena along with the other passengers and crew after it caught fire when a shell fell into the cargo and exploded. This photograph was taken by a *Life* magazine photographer that documented the scene.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JEN GUTMAN '08

Last Student Council meeting of the semester

By Meredith Clinton and Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITORS

The last Student Body meeting of the semester took place on Tues., Mar. 18 in the Seegers Union lobby.

The meeting began with Barrie Schessler '10, Treasurer of the Student Council, who informed the Student Body of budget deadlines for clubs and organizations for next year. The budget requests will be due around mid Apr.

This was followed by updates given by each Class President. Matt Sones '08, gave information about the next Senior Pub Night (Apr. 17), Fifty Days Celebration (Apr. 2), Senior Week, and Senior Ball preparations.

Matt Fash '09, mentioned the success of the Cedar Beach Park clean up and proposed ideas for future philanthropic events. The class of 2009 also successfully sponsored Muhlenberg Idol and Mr. Muhlenberg.

Joe Armenti '10, remind-

ed students that the class of 2010 tie dye and retro t-shirt order forms are due this Fri. He also mentioned Berg Bingo Night which will occur Sun. Mar. 30 at 8:00 p.m.

Jason Kirschenbaum '11 discussed the activities sponsored by the Freshman class which include: October Fest., Sweetest Fling, Speed Dating, and Day at the Beach.

Lisa Harrison '08, Vice President of the Student Council, followed these updates with new business. Her purpose of business was to condense and reword the current Student Council Bylaws to make them more specific and efficient. Some of these changes included policy revisions for vacancies within Student Council. Regarding the resignation policy, the wording of "Class Council Officers" was changed to "Class Presidents" in order to clear up an inconsistency within the process of resigning. Furthermore, when elect-

ing candidates for all Class President, Class Officer, Student Body President, a majority vote of the Student Body in addition to Board of Trustees Representatives is required. Prior to this meeting the requirement consisted of Faculty/College Committee appointments instead of Board of Trustees Representatives.

Harrison also explained that the Student Council Standing Committees have been condensed to avoid confusion. The Athletic Committee and Campus of Community Affairs Committee will now be recognized under the Communications Committee. Any specific concerns from the athletic community on campus will be addressed on an individual basis.

The meeting then moved to announcements where students advertised the upcoming College Democrat events that took place on Wed., Mar. 19.

Premiere online dining: thelvmenus.com

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Are you getting tired of ordering take-out from the same Chinese restaurant every weekend? Or, perhaps you're looking for late-night pizza that delivers in the middle of the week. With the website thelvmenus.com, you'll never go hungry again! Owned and founded by Yan Tseytlin along with his business partner and co-owner Robert Blumstein, thelvmenus.com is a great option for anyone in the Lehigh Valley that enjoys going out to eat, or is just looking for a new place to eat.

The idea for this website originated when Tseytlin was growing up as a teenager in Allentown. "Between late nights with friends and just a general interest in trying new things, the concept of such a resource was always in mind," said Tseytlin. After graduating

from college and recognizing that an idea like this has been successful at many other campuses nationwide, Tseytlin felt that he could work to benefit the college and university students of the Lehigh Valley by bringing the food to them.

The website is organized into three categories: restaurant, location, or cuisine – such as Chinese, burgers, or late night – and serves as a comprehensive listing of the Lehigh Valley's more than one thousand restaurants. Visitors to the site can view complete restaurant menus and determine which restaurants are open for business at the time they are looking.

The business began in 2006 when Tseytlin began developing the details of his concept. A year later, Blumstein joined him to solidify logistics and development. Since 2006 the two have been compiling more and more of the top restau-

rants and dining opportunities in the Lehigh Valley.

Something that many customers of the website will notice is restaurants in the Lehigh Valley that they've never heard of. "Potential customers are not aware of many small restaurants' existence, let alone their phone number, hours of operation, menus, or prices," said Tseytlin.

Another exciting feature that students should be on the lookout for is online ordering. A customer simply finds the restaurant from which he or she would like to order food and adds those items to their cart. If the restaurant delivers, you can schedule advanced delivery for those

nights that you would like to plan ahead for. Furthermore, thelvmenus.com can set up online coupons and frequent buyer discounts.

"Right now we are working with Muhlenberg students to find what restaurants they want to order online from and develop relationships with those owners. Once restaurants are on board we can offer this service at no charge to the end users. Eventually we hope to have every restaurant offer online ordering. In the meantime, we're looking to get Muhlenberg fully integrated first," said Tseytlin.

In addition to this, beginning in 2008 restaurants will also have the opportunity to

purchase site statistics, which rank the month's "most viewed" restaurants and help gauge the effectiveness of advertising both on and off the site. Thelvmenus.com is a distinctive brand because advertising occurs at the point of sale. The advertisement focus is very effective because it is aimed at a receptive target market. Restaurants advertising on the site will see a return on their investment because web site visitors are specifically looking for something to eat.

Thelvmenus.com is still a relatively new website, but has seen a lot of success so far with its endeavors. Tseytlin and Blumstein are truly looking to improve the experience that students in the Lehigh Valley area can have; so, the next time students are craving food outside of the Garden Room, be sure to log onto thelvmenus.com.

"Between late nights with friends and just a general interest in trying new things, the concept of such a resource was always in mind"

-Yan Tseytlin, Owner and co-founder of thelvmenus.com

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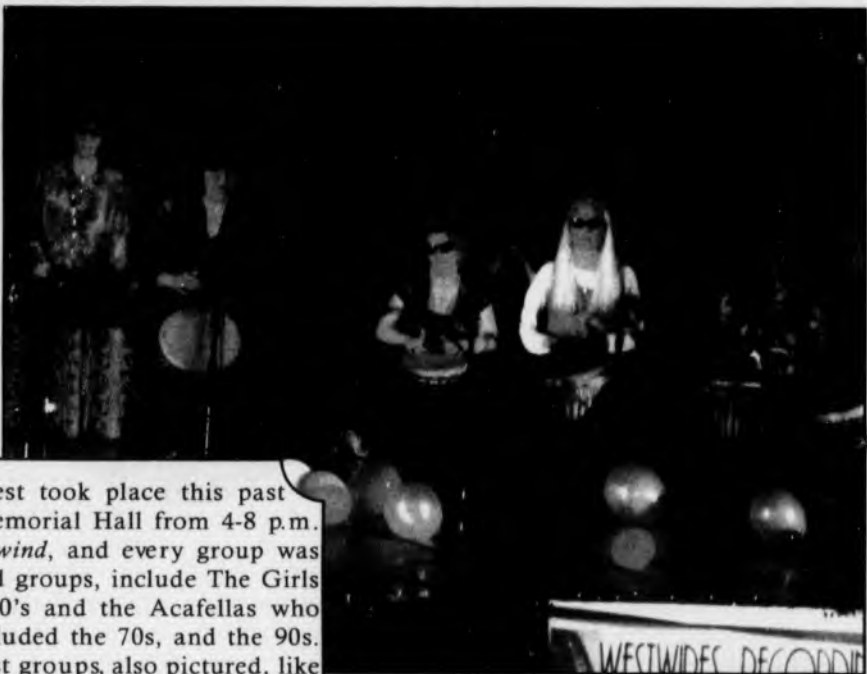
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life!

"Only a life lived for others,
is a life worthwhile."

- Albert Einstein

The 2008 Acapella Fest took place this past weekend on March 15 in Memorial Hall from 4-8 p.m. The theme this year was *Rewind*, and every group was assigned an era. The pictured groups, include The Girls Next Door, who were the 50's and the Acafellas who were the 80s. Other eras included the 70s, and the 90s. Also featured were a few guest groups, also pictured, like *A Whole Step Up* from Lehigh University and the *Dunmail Drummers*.

Photos by: Leah Wittenberg

Mr. Muhlenberg 2008



Muhlenberg's finest men competed for the title of Mr. Muhlenberg on Wed., Mar. 12. Junior John Schocken took the title, sophomore Mark Miller finished second, and junior Alex Kennedy landed in third. The contestants were faced with different challenges on their path to becoming the next big man on campus, but all survived and contributed to a hysterical night of talent and natural beauty. The winner, John Schocken, is featured here in his swimwear - his bathing suit of choice for the competition.

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I see London, I see France...

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! COLUMNISTS

Undies. Panties. Unmentionables. Delicates. Undergarments. Drawers. Whatever you want to call them, the majority of you are wearing them as we speak. Girls like to wear lacy, sexy, cute underwear, while guys don't even notice before ripping them off. Let's start off small and move our way up.

Thongs. Girls, the first year of wearing thongs pretty much went the same for all of us. Around age thirteen, you took your birthday money and your best friend to the mall. You then ventured into Deb, Claire's, or (flashback!) 579, and went straight to the two-for-five bin of underwear in the back corner of the store, right in between the feather boas and magnetic jewelry. You then spent a good half hour choosing between thongs that said "Naughty" or had pink sparkles all over it.

Once you had chosen your perfect pair, you then spent the next few months

waiting until your mom went to bed before sneaking into the bathroom and hand washing your thongs and then hiding them in the back of your closet. No way could your mom know you were wearing "that butt floss."

However, as we have gotten older, we've realized just how annoying and uncomfortable thongs really are. They should really only be worn when panty lines are an absolute no-no. Plus, contrary to popular belief, thongs aren't what guys find sexiest on a girl.

Which brings us to boy shorts. They leave something to the imagination while still giving a little tease. Boy shorts accentuate a nice round booty. They're good to throw on with a white beater and lay around the house on a hot summer day. Plus, they just make your ass look hot.

Things that don't make your ass look hot? Granny panties. We all have them. Let's face it girls, they're essential when a certain Aunt Flo comes to town.

Another fact of granny panties? There will be at least one occasion in your life where you are completely out of all other underwear and must wear the grannies.

It is on this night that you will end up going home with the guy you've wanted to hook up with since freshman year. A quick fix to this predicament is instead of letting him take your pants off, take them off yourself. Simply slide the underwear off with the pants and ball them up on the floor.

Guys have preferences of what delicates we put on, and us girls have opinions on their underwear too.

Unless you are a model, from a foreign country, or a six-year-old boy, you should not be wearing briefs. They're not flattering and they make things look saggy or tiny or just all wrong. Now if you're not into boxers, please go with boxer briefs. However, there are very strict rules with boxer briefs.

You must have a great

guy ass. It has to fill out the underwear without stretching it out. And filling out in the front is just as important as filling out in the back. And we don't mean stuffing with socks.

Lastly, this may sound weird, but you can't have odd hair patches on your thighs. It's creepy, and boxer briefs don't cover it. But if you're the kind of guy that fulfills the requirements and can pull them off, it's hot as hell.

As girls, we understand how boxers can be comfortable because they allow breathing room, even though they seem like they could get bunchy in your pants. But we'll leave that to you guys.

Anyway, the way we see it, the only way you can ruin a pair of boxers is by wearing those novelty types. The kinds that say "Ho Ho Ho" or have monkeys playing with penguins. Stick to the simple: stripes, plaid, or plain. And, like always, make sure they fit well.

So there it is, the ups and downs, front to back of underwear. It's really your choice what's most comfortable to you. And if all else fails, go commando.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHO DO YOU WANT TO COME SPEAK AT MUHLENBERG?



"A great actor like Robert Deniro or Amanda Bynes."
- Tim Popp '09



"Barack Obama."
- Nick Armino '08



"Michael Scott from *The Office*."
- Kristina Lucarelli '08



"Dennis Leary."
- Cara Matern '08



"Richard Pryor, but he would have to be awakened from the dead."
- Monique Ellison, '09

Compiled by Esme Mazzeo

AMC Weekend Listings



10,000 B.C.

Fri. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sat. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50
Sun. 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

College Road Trip

Fri. 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
Sat. 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
Sun. 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

Horton Hears a Who!

Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 4:45, 7:00, 9:30

Drillbit Taylor

Fri. 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
Sat. 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
Sun. 5:40, 8:10, 10:30

Never Back Down

Fri. 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 6:50, 9:40
Sun. 4:10, 6:50, 9:40

Shutter (2008)

Fri. 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 5:10, 7:30, 10:00

Fool's Gold

Fri. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns

Fri. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

Wings of Fire: The Illuminated books of William Blake: a Martian Art Gallery Exhibit

By Alexis Kaczmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE! WRITER

You step through the doors and are hit with an explosion of image, color, and words. You walk under a tree, around a tiger, through a grave, under a serpent.

You have just entered the world of William Blake, one of the most innovative poets and artists in literature; and beginning March 19, this world will be featured at the College.

From March 19 to April 19, the Martin Art Gallery will be displaying *Wings of Fire: The Illuminated Books of William Blake*. The exhibit will not only include original pieces of Blake's work, but dance and music performances as well. It is an interactive experience that will take you through the life and career of William Blake by incorporating both word and image.

The relationship between these

two entities was extremely important to Blake. Unlike conventional poets, he actually incorporated his poems onto copper engravings. These engravings were extremely complex and detailed, making his time and effort evident. Furthermore, the plates were etched in a mirror image, with Blake putting them through several stages of work before being considered complete.

He then used watercolor to create striking colors that complimented the poem's emotion. These poems ranged in length from a single plate to an entire book. Many of Blake's plates, and even some of his books of poems and images, will be on display in the gallery.

You will have the opportunity to see *Illustrations of the Book of Job* and *Night Thoughts*, as well as numerous reproductions of *The Grave* and *The Fatal Sisters*, just to name a few.

The gallery will kick off with a

reception on Wednesday, March 19, at 4:30 PM. Following this will be a lecture by Dr. Joe Viscomi, a Blake scholar, entitled *Blake's Enlightened Graphics: Illuminated Books and New Technologies*.

Then, from April 10-12, a dance performance of Blake's *The Tyger* will be performed by Muhlenberg alum Chris Shepard and members of the William Blake Senior Seminar. Closing out the exhibit will be musical performances from April 17-19.

Wings of Fire is meant to be more of an experience than anything else. Curated by Dr. Grant Scott and his Senior Seminar students, this exhibition honoring William Blake is unlike any other.

Larger than life images from his poems decorate the walls, and his works take you on a journey through heaven and hell, innocence and experience.

Dr. Scott and his Seminar students not only designed the exhibit,

but constructed it as well. The gallery began as three small scale models that the class created, giving insight on different directions in which the exhibit could go. From these, a combination of designs was decided upon.

The class then went to work painting, constructing, and rehearsing, combining their talents of design, art, and dance to create a truly spectacular representation of William Blake.

The result is a one-of-a-kind exhibit, incorporated of all kinds of media, both classic and modern. It is a trip inside the mind of a poet and artist, a mind that chose to break convention and use flaws to his advantage.

William Blake was once quoted as saying, "The imagination is not a State: it is the Human existence itself." By using art, music, and dance *Wings of Fire* is a moving depiction of this imagination.

10,000 bored customers at 10,000 B.C.

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY FILM CRITIC

One would think that with mammoths, saber-tooth tigers, and large, screeching birds you wouldn't need much more to deliver an entertaining adventure set 12,000 years ago, but *10,000 B.C.* proves that merely having an exotic setting as your premise won't get you over a mundane plot and more mundane characters.

The film begins with a blue-eyed girl coming to live with a clan of "manuk" (that's "mammoth" to you and me) hunters after her tribe is wiped out by what appear to be the bad guys from *Conan the Barbarian*. The tribe elder (Mona Hammond) declares that this girl is part of some prophecy while the son of the tribe's number one hunter looks on.

That little boy grows up to be D'Leh (Steven Strait), but not before his dad runs off for no apparent reason, leaving his son an out-

cast. The little girl grows up to be Evolet (Camilla Belle), on whom D'Leh has a pretty serious crush, but, tribes being what they are, he must take down a woolly manuk in order to win her. Seriously.

D'Leh actually accomplishes this goal, albeit accidentally, but no sooner is he confessing the truth about his ill-gotten laurels than the marauders from Evolet's past come along and ruin it all by kidnapping just about everyone in the tribe, including Evolet.

The rest of the movie is D'Leh, with some help from the current number one hunter, Tic'Tic (Cliff Curtis) and others, trying to track down and retrieve his beloved.

At some point in the film, D'Leh and his wandering band discover an African tribe. They, in turn, lead him to other tribes, which seem to cover everything from pygmies to Native Americans.

They believe because of some prophecy (everybody in this movie

has a prophecy) that he's the one they've been waiting for to lead them to victory.

All of the ingredients are here for a solid, if routine, action epic, and, to be fair, the film does an adequate job of delivering said epic before getting increasingly silly towards the end.

But that's the problem. When you have multimillion dollar special effects and the potential to watch man vs. prehistoric beast, "adequate" just doesn't cut it.

But that's all you get: adequate action sequences and adequate special effects. The Skull Island sequence from Peter Jackson's *King Kong* alone blows this movie out of the water, and it doesn't take almost two hours to slog through.

By the way, for an "exotic" setting, *10,000 B.C.* isn't all that exotic. A desert is still a desert, a jungle is still a jungle, and snow is still snow (even if you call it "white rain"). And we are still stuck staring at it

from a movie theater seat, not at all feeling as though we have been sent somewhere else.

In fact, nothing in this film really makes you feel like you're transported back in time. If anything, the attempt to fuse ancient Egyptian lore, tribal warfare, and mammoths towards the end of the film is more confusing than engaging.

10,000 B.C. will take your money, rob your time and hit your brain like a shot of Novocain. The best acting comes from woolly mammoths, man-eating ostriches and a saber-toothed tiger, and when computer images steal the show you know there is quite a bit wrong there.

It's the human actors who appear to be computer images. Cheap and one dimensional, the fade into the background rather than stand out. Rather than enhance the environment, they are swallowed by it.

For all its attempted grandeur, *10,000 B.C.* is about as slow and lumbering as a wounded manuk.

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"Life is a highway...
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night long..."

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Wings of Fire

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Lecture by Dr. Joe Viscomi: March 19, 7:00 PM

Dance performances: April 10-12

Music performances: April 17-19



Third Eye Blind lead singer speaks about more than lyrics

As we all know, this year the College is bringing in a concert from *Third Eye Blind*, and we couldn't be more excited. But what may be an unexpected surprise is the political messages lead singer Stephan Jenkins brings to the table. In an exclusive interview, Jenkins described how we all have an incredible opportunity to go and do something for this year's intense election. In such a close race, this generation will have the rare chance to truly make a difference in the upcoming primaries. The College is in a unique position, being so close to the primaries, to help rouse support in Allentown, and to make this city more politically aware.

Third Eye Blind is currently touring colleges in Idaho, Ohio, Colorado, and Illinois, and will inform students about political issues and share Jenkins's support for Barack Obama. According to Jenkins, the tour was not planned around the election, but the timing has been an extra benefit and an opportunity to express his political concerns.

Because the tour and the elections coincide, he believes that it is a good idea to raise awareness about Obama. He believes that Barack Obama is the exact change that the country needs, as he said, "We've had more than enough stupid, we need some smart." He considers Obama to be brilliant and caring, and a candidate who embraces those different from him. Instead of shunning views that differ, Jenkins believes that Obama searches for that common ground. Obama may be the change this country needs, and Jenkins wants the College to know how to help.

Before the concert, he will be set up somewhere on campus (the venue is currently unknown) discussing with students his views on Obama and how students can become involved. He will be informing students of the nearest polling center, how they can sign up for the campaign and why he believes Obama just might win.

He is looking forward to meeting students and he is hoping that they are as motivated about the elections as he is. He stated that the students at the College believe in thinking, that we are smart and want to do something with our lives. Which would, of course, translate into voting. So, Jenkins wants us to stress this generation's political power, and how it can really transform the nation.

He hopes that the student body will come out and vote, as well as come out and enjoy his concert. Of course, he wanted to make sure it is known that both events are open to his fans of every political persuasion. Like Obama, he knows you may not share his views, but that is most likely a good thing.

The concert will be held on Apr. 6 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The band just finished the lyrics for their upcoming album, and the concert will feature five or six of their new songs. Jenkins just hopes that it will be a day filled with more than his music; he hopes it will be a day of motivation as well.

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Track and field competes in championships

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Track and Field Teams competed in the Centennial Conference Championships at Ursinus on Sat.-Sun., Mar. 1-2. When the two-day competition was over, the women placed fifth overall and the men placed sixth. Haverford took both titles.

Sophomore Alex Faust took the title in the pole vault with a height of 11-0, leaving her

opponents in the dust. Also, on the second day, she finished first in the 400-meter dash. Senior Erika Koop also had a strong finish, scoring points in the high jump (second), the triple jump (seventh), and the shot put (eighth).

For the men, the 4X800-meter relay team of sophomore Pat Thornton, freshman Robert Torphy, freshman Chris Dolan, and junior Stuart Udis received first with a time of 7:59.53. Udis also took first in the 800-meters, and junior David Chorney broke his previous school record

in the 3000-meters with a time of 8:43.89, good enough for seventh place.

Udis went on to set two school records at the ECAC Championships at Haverford in the 800-meters and as one-fourth of the 4 X 800-meter relay team. He also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships.

Junior Timothy Van Syckle also broke a school record as he ran the 5,000 in 15:16.62. Overall, the men finished 19th.

Softball recap

Sun., Mar. 2

vs. Wartburg, W 4-3

vs. Augustana, L 2-7

Mon, Mar. 3

vs. Bluffton, L 0-7

vs. Eastern Mennonite, L 3-4 (8)

Wed., Mar. 5

vs. Muskingum, L 2-11

vs. Geneva, W 2-0

Thurs., Mar. 6

vs. Beloit, W 6-3

vs. Aurora, L 1-4

Fri., Mar. 7

vs. Washington (Mo), L 4-17

vs. Walsh, L 0-11



Sophomore Debra Crockett (left) finished third in the shot put; sophomore Alex Faust (right) cleared a height of 11 feet.



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Men's lacrosse strong early in season

By Matthew Howard
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2008 Men's
Lacrosse season
is underway.

Back-to-back convincing Muhlenberg wins were sandwiched in between two heartbreaking losses to heavily favored teams. Despite the Mules' unassuming record of 2-2, they have shown something that doesn't show up in the box scores the next day: the Mules have shown they have heart:

The Mules opened the season to the 20th ranked Stevens Ducks. Down 6-2, the Mules found themselves in a deep hole late in the third quarter. Ordinary teams would have thrown in the towel at that point, but the Mules responded the way championship teams do; they rallied together and played their way back into the game.

Senior Josh Mosberg scored his first career goal as the Mules were down 6-3 at the end of the third quarter. Junior Andrew Lolley scored his second and third goals of the night, only 1:28 apart in the fourth quarter, completing the third hat trick of his career. The Mules were down only one goal, with 10:45 left in the game. The best chance for the Mules to tie the game came with 6:03 left, when the Ducks were penalized for slashing. But the Mules' power-play remained stifled by the superb Ducks penalty-killing unit which killed off all seven Mule power-plays. The Ducks added a short-handed tally to put the finishing touches on a 7-5 victory.

Their next game came at Greensboro, and the Mules were ready to show that they can be a force in the Centennial Conference this year. Senior Tim Martin set the tone for the game as he scored only three minutes into the contest. Senior Kyle Ferris lead the Mules with four goals and Martin finished with two. The Mules defeated the Pride 12-6 for

their first victory of the year.

Facing the Mules next were the Mariners of the Merchant Marine Academy. This time, it was freshman Brent Siebold's opportunity to catch the eyes of advance scouts from other schools. Siebold set a career high with four goals in the Muhlenberg 10-6 victory. Farris registered his second straight hat trick by scoring his third goal with only 18.9 seconds remaining in the game. Lolley added two goals and sophomore Ari Jacobson netted one of his own.

Heading into their next game, the Mules were riding high with a 2-1 record. Their toughest test awaited them as they faced the eighth ranked Washington Shoremen. From the opening face-off, it appeared that Washington would make minced meat of the Mules. After winning the face-off, the Shoremen registered the first eleven shots of the game. Unbelievably, sophomore goalie Andrew Bell stood on his head to stop all eleven shots. His stellar play was rewarded at 6:50 of the first period as he passed the ball to Jacobson who ran the length of the field and deposited the ball into the back of the Shoremen net for the first tally of the game.

With 2:04 left in the game, Lolley scored to give the Mules an 11-10 lead. It appeared that the Mules were on the precipice of the greatest lacrosse victory in school history. But with only 53.7 seconds left in the game, the Shoremen scored and sent the game into overtime. In overtime, the Shoremen came up with more last minute heroics as they scored with only 41.9 seconds left to lift Washington over Muhlenberg, 12-11. If there is such a thing as a morale victory, this game was the epitome of it. If this past week is any indication, expect the Mules to be very competitive this season.



Sophomore Ari Jacobson slips past a Mariner d-man.

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Men's tennis rebounds from season opening defeat

By Matthew Howard
SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules didn't take
their 9-0 season opening
defeat to

Swarthmore lightly. They came out storming as they turned the tables on DeSales University, defeating them 9-0. Sophomore Robbie Goldwin and freshman John Osborne led the way for the Mules. In addition to winning their doubles match together, they both won their singles matches in straight sets. Their next match was against Penn State Berks. Again, it was the Mules who came out on top, but barely this time. It took first career duel-meet wins from freshman Jason Kirshenbaum to secure the narrow 5-4 victory. The Mules' (2-1) next match is at Ursinus on Mar. 26.



Junior Andrew Lolley prepares to give the Mules an 11-10 lead against Washington.

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TENNIS

Women's Lacrosse takes new season by storm

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Wed., Feb. 27 the Women's Lacrosse Team kicked off their season against King's and came out victorious. Winning decisively by a score of 20-10, the Mules took control early in the game with a 6-0 lead.

Senior Taylor Armstrong had a very strong game, tallying a career-high six goals. Junior Ruth Morrongiello had a team-high seven ground balls to go along with her four goals. Freshman Danielle Rosen also scored a goal for the Mules in her first career game.

After dropping a game in Florida to Gettysburg, the Mules put the loss behind them and left Florida with a smile. Junior Marguerite Farrell recorded four ground balls in the Mules' win against Gwynedd-Mercy, 18-6. Sophomore Amanda McGovern

scored five points with two goals and three assists in the win as well.

Wed., Mar. 12 the Mules took on Moravian. Featured in the win was Armstrong, who recorded her 100th career point on an assist to Morrongiello.

Also in the 20-5 victory, sophomore Alyssa Bascelli scored a hat trick. Freshmen Rachael Goldstein and Brianna Manko along with sophomore Amanda McGovern each contributed two goals.

Finally, on Sat., Mar. 15 the Mules won yet another game, this time versus Widener. Winning 17-10, the Mules scored the first 12 goals in the contest. McGovern and junior Sara Hiller scored three goals apiece.

The Women's Lacrosse Team is dominating offensively, and sure has gotten off to a strong and exciting 2008 season. Next up for the team is a game against Ursinus Sat., Mar. 22.



Senior Taylor Armstrong recorded her 100th career point in a game against Moravian. Here against King's, Armstrong had another strong game and she finished with six goals.

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Living Here in Allentown Guide Launch

What: The launch of The Living Here in Allentown Guide

Where: The Hamilton Room at the Allentown Brew Works
814 W. Hamilton St.

When: Friday, March 28th, 7 – 9 PM

Why: A great opportunity to mingle with Muhlenberg College students and faculty and Allentown community leaders while enjoying food from favorite local restaurants.

Sports Schedule

Baseball

Fri., Mar. 21 vs. Penn State Berks, 12:30 (dh)
Mon., Mar. 24 vs. Elizabethtown, 12:30 (dh)

Women's Lacrosse

Sat., Mar. 22 vs. Ursinus, 11:00

Men's Lacrosse

Sat., Mar. 22 at Gettysburg, 1:00

Softball

Fri., Mar. 21 vs. Cortland State, 3:00
Sat., Mar. 22 at Gettysburg, 12:00

Women's Tennis

Fri., Mar. 21 at Johns Hopkins, 1:00

Men's Tennis

Wed., Mar. 26 at Ursinus, 3:30

Track and Field

Sat., Mar. 29 Millersville Invitational

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makes it to championships
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Mules blast past the competition

By Matthew Howard
SPORTS EDITOR

The Mules dominated in their home-opening victory against the Misericordia Cougars. Behind the strength of four home runs, the Mules dismantled the Cougars 23-8 to bring their record above .500 at 5-4. Only five days before, the Mules set a school record by scoring a combined 36 runs in a doubleheader sweep of Wisconsin Lutheran.

On Mar. 10, junior outfielder Christian Conti was named Centennial-Conference Player of the Week as he hit .536 with a mind-boggling slugging percentage of 1.000 in eight games. Eight of his fifteen hits were for extra-bases, including five triples. Clearly, Conti had not cooled off

before the game against the Cougars as he slugged two three-run home runs while tying a school record of eight RBIs. "I prefer the home runs," Conti joked. "It's easier on my legs, and its worth a little more, so why not take it." Conti increased his average to .545 and his slugging percentage to 1.152.

Conti was joined on the home run barrage by freshmen Bobby Spindler and Joseph DiCecilia. Spindler hit a solo home run in the Mules' nine-run fifth inning. DiCecilia hit a pinch-hit grand slam in the nine-run eighth inning. Junior Eric Hammond went 4-for-5 at the plate while crossing the plate five times himself. It should be noted that the Mules' home stadium, Cedar Creek Field, had its fences moved in over the off-season.

The Mules rode their wave of momentum into the first game of their next series against St. John Fisher, a team that won 28 games last year and made it to the NCAA Tournament. Sophomores Dan Fisher and Eric Pomroy led the Mules to a 14-11 victory. Fisher went 3-for-4 while driving in four runs. Pomroy went 2-for-3 with a double, a triple, and two RBIs. Junior Eric Hammond tried his best Craig Biggio impression as he set a Muhlenberg record by being hit by a pitch three times in one game. Unfortunately, the Mules lost both games of a doubleheader the next day. Their record stands at 6-6, putting them in fifth place in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules have a pair of doubleheaders coming up this week to Penn State Berks and Elizabethtown.



Sophomore Eric Pomroy (left) scores 1 of Muhlenberg's 23 runs; reigning Centennial Conference Player of the Week Christian Conti (center) leads the Mules with a .545 average; junior Eric Hammond (right) sacrifices his body for the third time against St. John Fisher.



50 years too many!

By Gone with the Women
WEEKLY WOMANIZER

This weekend commiserated fifty years of co-education at the College. When asked about the event the administration stated, "fifty years too many." The event mourned the past fifty years of the college, noting its steady decline due to the somewhat recent female presence on campus.

President Helm used this weekend's gathering to reveal the College's plan to return to a single sex community. "The women just don't do anything around here. They are wasting space and it's time for them to go," stated President Helm. "We must return to the good old days of male comradery and unite in the fight against cooties." Helm's plan called for the gradual dissipation of Muhlenberg women within the next three years, noting "good riddance class of 2011," who will hold the last slew of "feminine miscreants," according to Helm.

This female eradication will include all female faculty as well. Dean Green revealed her plans following commencement of 2011, stating her future career in exotic dancing while Dean Shiner-Wilson announced her plans to go back to school and pursue a career in dentistry.

Shiner-Wilson does plan on applying to the College noting her hope that an exception might be made for her. "Helm and I go way back; I always water his plants when he's away and I'm godmother to his kids. He owes me." When asked about the possibility for female exceptions on campus, Helm firmly replied, "Nope. Not going to happen. Sorry ladies."

The College board of directors have ruled women on the campus to be completely incompetent and encourages them to pursue other life goals. "How about heading back to the kitchen, ladies?" asked Chris Hooker-Harring, "why they ever came out, I'm not sure."

Many female faculty members have been vocal about their objections to statements such as these. "We will NOT just stay in the kitchen!" argued Melissa Falk, Associate Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, "I, personally, plan on venturing out to other rooms of the house for cleaning purposes." However, with the exception of this small debate, the faculty and students seem to be in agreement about the recent decision.

"It's really for the best, and about time too," concluded President Helm. Sayonara girls! Nice knowing you"

College mourns death of Kish-Goodling

By Lost in Europe
WEEKLY WORLD TRAVELER

The Muhlenberg community is in mourning over the death of Economics professor and Associate Dean of International Programs, Dr. Donna Kish-Goodling.

Kish-Goodling, who visited North Korea this past week to tour a university in the communist country, died late Saturday afternoon of mysterious causes, according to sources.

Authorities are hopeful that the cause of her death will become apparent after the autopsy that is scheduled for Monday morning. Though currently unconfirmed, the top suspicion at this time is that she drank poisoned water. Her body is scheduled to be shipped home in a body bag after the autopsy.

Though she was warned

extensively against this trip by her co-workers, the College board, and the American government, she went anyway.

"We think this is an act of terrorism against our government, though we are

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unsure at the moment," explained one top U.S. government official. "However, rest assured that we are doing all we can to find out."

There are even talks of President Bush sending troops into North Korea, though this has yet to be confirmed.

A student worker in the International Studies Office, Muhlenberg Scott Talent '08 said, "The dangers of the country's current political climate didn't scare her. What did scare her was the thought that she would deprive students from studying in any full immersion program."

Kish-Goodling, who always encouraged students to choose full immersion programs - or "big black dot countries," as she referred to them - was especially passionate about sending students to China. However, considering her lack of success in that area, she decided to expand her students' options even further by making Muhlenberg the first college in the country to have an exchange program

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DISCLAIMER

Welcome to the annual April Fool's issue of The Muhlenberg Weekly. All of the stories are FAKE, so do not believe anything you read. However, peruse over the REAL advertisements on pages 4, 10, and 11 while you enjoy this issue.

NOTE: Content not suitable for children



Women at the College have been banned from the classrooms and put back to work in the kitchen because of President Helm's belief that co-education is a waste of time. Some girls are attempting to read in the kitchen in order to continue their learning.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

Harry Potter
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Change your pants, change your life

Spring is here! Almost. Time to bust out the flip-flops and mini skirts, ladies. And don't forget to hit the gym, because who knows when the temperature will skyrocket to 80 degrees and we realize the albino look is not so fashionable, so out come the bikinis.

What's that you say? You've already been to the gym five times this week? Oh, right, we forgot. Those leggings you rock sure are form fitting. That tush and those thighs won't tighten themselves, you know. And very few girls can pull off the leggings, UGGs, and oversize sweater look. But boy do most girls try.

Variety is spicy. Or something to that extent. What happened to expressionism people?! We can't tell you how many times we've waded to who we thought was our best friend, but strangely it was just some other girl who looked, well, exactly the same as the other girls wandering this campus. How embarrassing. Oh look, there's Mandy walking to class, Hey Mandy! Hey! It's your bff! Why are you speeding up? Oh, no. Walk away, walk away, pretend it never happened. We're sick of pretending it never happened. We're tired of being embarrassed because we can't recognize our friends. Yes, friends, which means that we genuinely like these girls. They are just good people trapped in unfortunate suction pants. We are also disappointed because we know that Muhlenberg's Scott Talent, so why the blandness?

We thought the snow would keep those legs wrapped up in at least a pair of jeans, but we apparently were wrong. The rain? Nope, that didn't stop you either. What will it take to stop the madness? We should all just boycott the gym and instead spend all of our time eating and sleeping, and do all of the above in spacious, breathable pants. Then maybe you will all quit it with the eighties throwbacks, its 2008 poeple! Think of your options! You've got the classic jean, the comfy sweat pant, the fancy shmancy trouser, the corduroy, and our favorite and yours, the hot...pant.

So all you pretty ladies out there, don't sell yourselves short. Time to bring back the pant, and time to feel good about it.

Calling all students with STDs

By Holden McGroin & Lydia Chlamydia
WEEKLY STD NOVICES

It has come to our attention that sexually transmitted diseases have become an increasingly prominent presence on campus, Muhlenberg scott talent. This concerns us given that one in five students has an STD in Martin Luther Hall, seventy-five percent of students in East have one, and ninety-nine percent of students involved in Greek life have Chlamydia or Gonorrhea. Epidemiologists have estimated that the epicenter is located somewhere in Haas, particularly near President Helm's office. While we are not pointing fingers, we need to do something about this problem. Speaking of fingers, fingering is a great way to satisfy your partner with minimal risk of spreading STDs.

In order to minimize the presence of STDs, there should be an emergency text messaging system in place. All students should receive an alert each time a student on campus tests positive for an STD. Along with the text message will be the student's name and room number. If this system is not effective enough, the school should start announcing names over the emergency public address system. While these ideas may seem a bit crude, they are necessary in order to protect our students and faculty.

Most bothersome is Randy Helm's position on the issue. Randy Helm has suggested that we give whips to all students in order to encourage other forms of sexual expression. Also, there will be a rally to hand out condoms, but only three hundred and fifty tickets will be available to students, and there will be metal detectors. No bottled water or food is allowed.

By the way, the College Republicans are sponsoring Senator McCain to speak and share his pro-abortion and pro-premarital sex positions. We are appalled by Senator McCain's audacity to even consider speaking at Muhlenberg! Getting back to the issue at hand... Speaking of hands, they can be used for all sorts of sexual stimulation. We feel that the college should be encouraging wanton sexual acts all over campus. Eventually students will wear themselves out and become tired of having sex. This will, ultimately, reduce the spread of STDs on campus. Let's keep our STDs among the townies in Allentown and not among our population of prominent upper-class students.

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Pass the mashed potatoes and the flavored lube, please.

By Alotta Fagina
WEEKLY FOOD CRITIC

On Tues., Mar. 25, I attended the Gay Straight Alliance and Planned Parenthood sponsored event, "Sextival," and reached a revelation. No, it had nothing to do with safe sex or the female anatomy, I still prefer my unknowing skin to skin contact, thank you very much.

No, the knowledge I was granted was much more valuable than any condom discussion could ever be, colored or not. What I learned, and what I am kindly sharing with you, is the beauty of flavored lube, not as a sexual aid, but as a condiment. That's right ladies and gentleman, a condiment.

After the blind taste test offered at the Sextival, I got to thinking. If Strawberry Seduction tasted

good on a plastic spoon, why wouldn't it taste equally delicious on frozen yogurt from the garden room? So, I began conducting some lube experiments and much to my surprise, flavored lube proved itself a condiment worthy of a place on my kitchen table, right next to the salt and pepper.

As I delved deeper into my research, I discovered Peach Passion's ability to liven up pancakes; Tantalizing Tropical's wonderful effect when spread on toast, and Crazy For CocoNUTS' skills on improving cold sesame noodles from your local sketchy Thai take-out place.

Hott Chocolate lube tastes fabulous on everything from a peanut butter sandwich to chicken mole. Flavored lube can really liven up any dish, in a way, I propose, that ketchup never could. Heinz be afraid, be very afraid.

Furthermore, this discovery led me to wonder what other wonderful tasks flavored lube could

assist with. While it failed in its ability to cure acne, it did prove to be a powerful body moisturizer. Flavored lube also worked well as a cough suppressant and surprisingly enough, and don't ask me how I figured this out, as a fantastic wild game pheromone. However, I should warn you that Genital Grapefruit has extremely strong attractive abilities, and should be used sparingly and with great care.

So go on and dunk your French fry in grape grope or Va-va-voom Vanilla. Drizzle Raspberry Delight over your morning oatmeal and give your salad a light dressing of Pear Pleasure. Get creative! Perhaps you too can find a new winning combination for flavored lube and your favorite dish. Or maybe you will discover a new use for the wondrous accessory. Who knows? Maybe lube will work as an electrical conductor or effective anti-frizz serum.

Invent a new flavor, dedicate it to us, "Muhlenberg Scott Talent" perhaps? Students were quite skilled at "pin the finger on the clit." Sure, you might get a couple weird looks at first, toting around a bottle of sexual stimulant, but I assure you, the scrumptious reward will be completely worth it.

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Vote Cheney in 2008



World News & Politics

Dick Cheney Jr.
WEEKLY ELECTION INFORMANT

Most people probably think that our President is either going to be John McCain, Barack Obama, Muhlenberg Scott Talent, or Hillary Clinton. Yet, it is time for the American people to push for another humble candidate who hasn't even considered running yet.

I am talking about the great Dick Cheney. Why break the tradition of having the Vice President run after his President wins the previous two terms? I don't want to hear about Cheney's age because John McCain is like ninety seven.

How could we forget how success-

ful Cheney has been over these past eight years? When considering invading Iraq, George Bush had two choices: listen to Colin Powell's advice about the intelligence or listen to Dick Cheney's intelligence. Of course, our brilliant leader followed Dick's advice and now look where we are.

Iraq is a strong enough country that just a few days ago they were able to negotiate with Iran behind our back. Cheney is so humble about his success that he sneaks into Iraq in the middle of the night surrounded by security forces, so not to make a big deal about his arrival. He wouldn't want all those Iraqis having to line up outside the airport cheering for him every time he arrived.

More importantly, Cheney has a personality and real warmth to him. Don't get caught up in all that loud optimism and "change" talk by Barack Obama. It is time for Muhlenberg to invite Cheney to speak in Memorial Hall for another one of his rousing tales about America's success in Iraq. Hopefully he could even tell of us his grand future plans of America benevolently spreading its loving arms of democracy to all the Middle East nations.



Above photo: Barack Obama sucking at life
Photo courtesy of Ivan Ahumapalot

Don't be fooled by those poll numbers that show Cheney's approval rate as being lower than the percent of people who vote for Ralph Nader every year. The polls are dominated by that damn liberal media anyway.

Haven't you ever seen FOX News? Cheney is the choice for 2008, and we can only hope he can convince

former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld out of retirement to be his running mate

Forget Obama. Forget Clinton. Forget McCain. It is time to support a Cheney-Rumsfeld ticket in 2008. Yes, we can!

GQ's policy of pricing

By Dick Hardwick Glasscockawitz
WEEKLY GQ SPECIALISTS

As many of you are well aware, General Quarters has been egregiously pricing items for a while now. I am sick of paying four swipes for a cheeseburger, or having to pay extra if I want pasta included with my sauce and vegetables at the action station on Fridays. Furthermore, the miniaturization of the bagels is clearly oppressive to the Jewish students on campus. Can't a Jew get a good bagel and some shmear? I am further outraged by the fact that bagels are now dining-dollars or cash only.

GQ has also replaced certain items in an attempt to further save money. Raspberry-flavored sex lube is not the same as raspberry jam! Swipes have essentially become worthless with the ever growing

The only meal deal which still fits on a single swipe is the possum with sauteed apple cores. I am getting f@#%#%#% sick of eating possum!

Before I rant on, I have one compliment to GQ. Their addition of the food basket was quite innovative. I especially love the falafel hot dogs with cinnamon and bacon on them, which is a steal at only three swipes and thirty-four cents left over to pay in dining dollars. There's also a new item called the "Muhlenberg Scott Talent"

burger. I'm not really sure what it is. Though, I will say, it is certainly delicious, but quite filling. I would like to point out another policy. I am sick of being handed pieces of paper to hand to the cashier every time I order something. I am appalled to recently find out that when you submit the paper to the cashier, you are apparently giving the school power of attorney over you; so read the fine print, ladies and gentlemen. If you're still afraid, feel free to rent a lawyer to take with you to GQ (you can pick one out of the bin at your local pet shop; some of them are quite frisky).

I think enough is enough. We all need to give GQ a piece of our minds. However, if you're not the type to participate in a protest, you can always haggle with the workers in GQ for a lower price.

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Congratulations on a job well done to Scottie-too-hottie and his angels



The pimp-daddy President has come to the end of his final term. The work accomplished during this academic year could not have been done without his angelic sidekicks. The time has come to pass the skull encrusted triton onto his street corner hoe Sara Keller. His hot bod and firm gavel grip will be missed at next year's Student Body Meetings.

KISH-GOODLING

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with a school in North Korea.

"I'm really surprised about all of this," confessed Scott Talent. "She always used to be so careful about what she ate and drank. Sometimes, she'd have me test out her lunch for her. I always thought that was weird." After a pause, Scott Talent added, "Maybe she was expecting to be poisoned... oh, my God!"

There is no confirmation of this theory at the present time. International Studies Coordinator, Susan Norling, refused to comment. In fact, sources say she has locked herself in her office after receiving the news of her co-worker's death. One representative from Counseling Services who has been talking with Norling through her locked door said, "The grief process is a slow and difficult one to undergo, but I have confidence that she'll come out soon. I mean, she'll have to get food and water eventually, right?"

In addition, the student body is in shock over this incident, especially those former and current study abroad students who have worked one-on-one with Kish-Goodling.

She is especially well-known for her stern, yet important advice to students before they leave the country.

"We really took it to heart," says a junior who studied at Goldsmiths College, University of London last fall. "I mean, because of her warnings, we didn't drink alcohol for the first three hours we were in London! And there were, like, five pubs in a two-mile radius!"

Though President Helm is unable to comment at this time, another College official said, "The Muhlenberg community is in mourning over the loss of an invaluable faculty member. We had record-breaking numbers of students studying abroad this year, which is certainly at least in part due to her hard work. It will be difficult to find someone to fill her shoes."

A memorial service will be held on Thurs., Apr. 3 at 1 p.m. in the Chapel. It will be open to all students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, plans have already gone underway to construct a plaque on academic row in her honor.

On the plaque: a big black dot and the words, "Do not drink or you will die."

Narcissistic **E**vil **W**riters **S**hut-up!

Please stop writing for News!

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Seegers gets wet and pumps it up

By Shammy Mu
WEEKLY WATER SPORTS EXPERT

President Helm has recently been expanding the Seegers Renovations plans in a big way. After holding student focus groups on what the students wanted to see improved upon, Helm realized that Seegers Union was just too dry.

After careful consideration and numerous meetings with Karen Green, Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, Helm closed a deal with Dorney Park on buying a four-hundred foot waterslide to be added to Seegers Union during renovations.

In a years' time, the couches and Java Joe's will be replaced by a water wonderland. Java Joe's employees and the couch sitters of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority will be working the waterslide to avoid extra costs for new staff members.

The entrance to the slide will be located in Parent's Plaza. Students will climb a

ladder to the roof of the building where they will sit on an inflatable mule and slide all the way down to the Red Door.

At the end of this exciting journey students can feel free to grab newly provided pool towels and a snack from Sandella's.

"Who wouldn't want to go to a school where students can skip the stairs and hop on an inflatable mule?!"

-Mary-Lou Who 11

Appropriate questions have been raised about the cost and means used to pay for this endeavor. Along with help from generous alumni and Muhlenberg Scott Talent, it has been announced that there will be many fundraisers to support this project.

The slide will be open in correspondence with GQ late

nights and there will often be live entertainment while students wait in line.

The administration hopes that this project will deter students from binge drinking on the weekends. "Better to wet your bottom instead of your whistle," said Helm on this subject.

While this project will require a lot of hard work and patience from the Student Body, Helm is confident that it will raise the College's national ranking.

"Who wouldn't want to go to a school where students can skip the stairs and hop on an inflatable mule?!" said Mary-Lou Who '11.

In the next few weeks as the semester winds down construction for the waterslide will begin. The first order of business will be to cave in the ceiling of Seegers Union directly above Java Joe's and the couches. Students should keep an eye out for falling debris.

Even though this may seem like an inconvenience, it will all be worth it when students can get wet and wild.




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Sudoku

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Hot as Hell	Sh*tty	F***ing Freezing
High: 400 Low: 399	High: 50 Low: 15	High: -213 Low: -501

Wanted: Date to the Senior Ball

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For more information call *5563

Caught: Adrian Shanker!



Even outsiders were shocked to see Adrian Shanker '09 in a suit as he entered Memorial Hall on Wed., Mar. 19. Shanker had to make a special trip to the thrift store the day before former President Bill Clinton's visit to the College, and according to Shanker his "socks cost more than the \$12.00 suit." All prices aside, not only did Shanker wear a suit, but he wore it well.

Sodexho: increasing its carbon footprint one chemical at a time

By Green Goddess
WEEKLY ENVIRONMENTAL FRIEND

Earlier in the academic year Sodexho was praised for its accomplishments in encouraging sustainability on campus. In fact, this was the third consecutive year that Sodexho was named Worldwide Sector Sustainability Coordinator due to a convincing performance for food safety. Well, they certainly had the College community fooled.

A recent surprise inspection of the Garden Room kitchen has resulted in Sodexho being stripped of all three sustainability awards. It was reported that dining services had converted

ed to using safer and friendlier dishwashing chemicals and cleaning products, but there was no evidence of any environmentally friendly or safe chemicals residing in the kitchen. The surprise inspection was called when students began complaining about increased stomach issues after meals in the Garden Room, and a lingering smell of chlorine and bleach throughout the facility.

When the inspector, Mr. Muhlenberg Scott Talent, arrived on the scene the sight he was faced with was devastating. Dining Service employees were mopping the floor and cleaning counter tops with ammonia-based cleaning products.

Mr. Talent said, "I couldn't believe my eyes. I just never thought this College would be capable of something so

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abominable."

As Mr. Talent walked through the kitchen he found more evidence of environmental unfriendliness. Chlorine and bleach products, and harmful oven

cleaner were among the many dangerous chemicals he found. And as for all of Sodexho's encouragement to reduce, reuse, and recycle? Well, Mr. Talent was dismayed to see paper mixed in with glass, and aluminum cans in with the regular trash.

While there have been no suspects yet as to whom the main culprit is in this scandal, speculation has already begun among the campus community. In addition to the discovery of harmful chemicals in the kitchen there is also reason to believe that Sodexho has not been purchasing their food locally. Produce labels indicated that a majority of the food had actually been

brought in from the West coast.

The future of Sodexho at the College does not look promising, but what the campus really wants to know is, why did they do it?

This year's decision to not renew the Sodexho contract is the only conclusion the campus community can come to. Until this matter can be further resolved, and the restraining order against Sodexho and Dining Services lifted, College faculty and staff will be taking their places in the kitchen.

If students have any information regarding these incidents they are encouraged by President Helm to come forward.

Freshmen dorms: home away from home for Lupole and his officers

By Officer Friendly
WEEKLY FROSH STALKER

Due to increasing vandalism in Prosser, Walz, and Brown Hall, Residential Life has requested that Campus Safety make the freshmen dorms their permanent residence. The College had hoped that Campus Safety's daily walk-throughs would put an end to the trashing and vandalism that has been occurring this semester.

Unfortunately, their presence has only made the freshmen more creative at finding ways to defecate the sinks without getting caught. Many students have gotten a hold of the walkthrough schedule and have gone so far as to skip meals and classes so that they can get the job done.

Last Wed., Mar. 26, Residential Life held a meeting with the Dean's Office and decided that the only solution was to give Campus Safety Officers a permanent place to stay in the freshmen dorms.

As of Mon., Mar. 31, each floor in Prosser, Walz, and Brown has been assigned an officer who will be staying in one of the extra dorm rooms.

They will be available at all hours of the day to assist with any problems that may occur.

Students' responses to this new system have been fairly negative so far. Many freshmen have already joined a Facebook group petitioning against Campus Safety's new presence in their dorms.

Ken Lupole, Director of

Campus Safety and Security, has already been seen wearing his bathrobe on the way to the shower. Students have been complaining that they feel awkward seeing the Campus Safety Officers in such an exposed manner.

By living in the dorms we feel that we can get to know the students on a much more personal level
-Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety and Security

Unfortunately, Lupole explains that at this time there really is no other way to go about this problem. All officers need to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and by having

them live right where the problems are occurring they can better put an end to this foul play.

"We're not out to get students, we are just looking for students who are disrupting the quality of life. Mainly we find it nice to just stop and talk, maybe even join in on a game of beer pong. By living in the dorms we feel that we can get to know the students on a much more personal level," Lupole explains.

Despite the many negative attitudes towards this new situation, some students have been enjoying their time spent with the Campus Safety Officers.

Buster, who is stationed on the first floor of Prosser Hall, is a popular officer among the freshmen girls. He has been giving them a lot of valuable relationship

and dating advice. "Although it has only been a few days, Buster has really fit into the lifestyle on third floor Prosser and has already become an intricate part of the social dynamic," explains Lauren Ebert '11.

As of now no time line has been given in terms of Campus Safety's permanent residence in the freshmen dorms but Lupole predicts that there will most likely be a reevaluation of the situation by Residential Life, Muhlenberg Scott Talent, the Deans Office, and Campus Safety in the future.

Until then Lupole and his officers will be living in the halls of Prosser Hall, Walz Hall, and Brown Hall, keeping the students at the College safe, one beer pong game at a time.

Campus Safety Notes

Mar. 24 - Two students were found gnawing on stolen beef tenderloins in Seegers Union. They both had to be forcefully removed from the carcass. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 24 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off on the first floor of Martin Luther Hall due to students roasting marshmallows over a student built campfire. Students were caught by Campus Safety during a joyful rendition of Kumbaya.

Mar. 24 - Liquor Law - Jeremy Banner '08 was found using washing machines to mix drinks. Campus Safety was treated to a drink on the house, however, he will still be referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 24 - Disorderly Conduct - Matthew Howard '11 fought six members of the College football team. Three of the football players were transported to the hospital. He was arrested by Allentown Police.

Mar. 25 - Liquor Law - Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and the College football team were found taking jager bombs in the back of the Trexler Library parking lot. They were later joined by Dean Wilson.

Mar. 25 - Disorderly Conduct - Nicole Gallub '10 was caught flirting with way too many people in the Garden Room. When asked by Campus Safety Officers why she would behave in this manner her only response was "oooooh girrrrl." She will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 25 - Sick Student - A student was sent to the hospital after a full body allergic reaction to the jalapenos that he had been rubbing all over his body.

Mar. 25 - Institutional Vandalism - Freshmen students were caught spray painting penises on the lawn in front of Brown Hall. They will be referred to Counseling Services.

Mar. 25 - Residents on the third floor of B Hall of East

were caught rescuing the mice from the mouse traps in their hall and keeping them as pets in their room. Campus Safety was notified of this occurrence because of the numerous crumbs of pita bread coming from the dorm rooms.

Mar. 25 - Community Service - The staff of The Advocate was forced to clean and repaint the office of the Muhlenberg Weekly due to their overwhelming debt to the College.

Mar. 26 - Institutional Vandalism - Callie Stewart '10 was found dancing on top of tables in GQ. She was arrested for the damage that was caused to a number of napkin holders and chairs.

Mar. 26 - Simple Assault - When a Lehigh University student approached Barack Obama's security officials with an uncapped highlighter he was asked to leave Memorial Hall. After refusing to leave and assaulting one man's face with the highlighter he was tazed on the spot.

Mar. 26 - Hazing - A group

of students was found outside of Ettinger doing the hokey-pokey and dancing all around. It was later determined that the students were hazing themselves.

Mar. 26 - Noise Complaint - A girl in a wheelchair was caught singing Miley Cyrus too loudly through the halls of Taylor Hall. The CD was confiscated and she will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 27 - Arrest - A Campus Safety Officer was arrested for running a meth lab out of the basement of the Tremont Apartments. Many students have been seen conversing with this officer in sketchy areas around campus. A further investigation of this situation is being held at this time.

Mar. 27 - Injured Student - Student taken to hospital after accidentally falling into a toilet on the first floor of Brown Hall. The student has been referred to counseling services due to extreme emotional trauma.

Mar. 27 - Arrest - Campus

Safety arrived at 444 Leh Street after receiving calls from neighbors about animal-like screams. A student was found at this residence to be molesting himself. He said no, but he really wanted it.

Mar. 27 - Institutional Vandalism - Cleaning lady defecated in the shower on the second floor annex of Prosser Hall. Students were forced to clean up the mess.

Mar. 27 - Arrest - A student was caught trying to deposit a bag of marijuana into the ATM machine in Seegers Union. He was looking for a secure hiding place for his stash. He was arrested and will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Mar. 28 - Fire Alarm Sounding - Students attempted to use one of the fire places on the second floor of F Hall of East Hall. Unfortunately, the fire places are for decoration purposes only, and the room caught on fire. The fire alarm went off and the Allentown fire department responded.

WEEKLY

Limbo!

"Rock every limbo boy and girl all around the limbo world ...how low can you go?"
- the limbo master

Boy bands battle at the 'Berg

By BSB Fangirl, *NSYNC Chick & Third Eye Babe
WEEKLY LIFE GROUPIES

The Student Activities Office just got word today that Third Eye Blind will no longer be performing on Sunday night. But don't you worry. A completely legitimate, totally talented, unquestionably credible band will be taking their place.

You will be getting your money's worth because this band does not, under any circumstances, resort to lypsyncing, and by hosting the event, the College will be making history. On Apr. 6, 2008, Backstreet Boys will perform here in Memorial Hall. They did not win this spot easily, however.

In order to achieve this, Third Eye Blind and *NSYNC competed in an intense, five round survivor-like event. The rounds included "Craziest Hair Dye," "Best Stage Costume," "Biggest Ego," "Most Talented on Puppet Strings" and "Highest Note."

Starting it off was the Craziest Hair Dye round. Joey Fatone put up a good fight, sporting rainbow infused locks, while Justin Timberlake looked gay as ever with diamond encrusted frosted tips.

But in the end, it was Brad Hargreaves of Third Eye Blind, who took first blood when he appeared before the judges with a red, white and blue do. His patriotically inspired hair even included fifty white stars.

Next up was the "Most Talented on Strings" competition. Third Eye Blind chose Stephen Jenkins to compete in his first of two events, while *NSYNC elected Chris Kirkpatrick as their most agile band member.

In this event, the participants' hands were suspended on strings and they were challenged to perform the most graceful and technically difficult acrobatic routine possible.

Brad Hargreaves put forth a memorable ballet adaptation to the music of Swan Lake, but it was Kirkpatrick's reinterpretation of the choreography to his band's number one single "Bye, Bye, Bye" through classic mime, complete with gloves and white face paint, that impressed the judges most.

Next was the Best Stage costume round. *NSYNC chose Lance Bass

to participate in this round, since he is "so in touch with his feminine side," as his band-mate Justin Timberlake said. Meanwhile, Timberlake was still wearing his diamond encrusted frosted tips with the addition of matching diamond encrusted chaps.

Third Eye Blind chose Arion Salzar. Arion's Cher inspired costume reeked of the 1960s, from the black see-through leotard, which left much too little to the imagination, all the way up to his pink feather headdress.

Lance outshone his friend and bandmate, Justin, by donning a fully diamond encrusted body suit with the words "Muhlenberg Scott Talent!" in hot pink and silver jewels. His shoes were the crowning glory however: 5 inch platinum heels with diamonds sewn throughout the heel and encrusted on the toe. This splendor was too much for the judges and they pronounced him the winner on the spot. When later asked about this portion of the evening, Bass stated, "My feet smelled like rotten eggs and the bunions were bigger than Justin's ego. I mean, did you see his poor choice of chaps?"

Now, don't be disheartened members of the 'Berg, this competition did include some singing. Oh yes. The last round of this competition, entitled "Highest Note," challenged the entrant to display their vocal range. Whoever could shatter the most glass in the surrounding vicinity would win. Unfortunately for the College's theater department this took place in Trexler Pavillion, which is better known as the Fishbowl.

The two competitors; JC Chaves from *NSYNC and Third Eye Blind's Tony Fredianelli each had to sing one long high note. Pitch was considered bonus points. Fredianelli did a commendable job, break-

ing the lower level. JC, on the other hand, shattered the whole building - clearly, making him the winner. By scoring this win, *NSYNC secured the spot as performer for the College's spring concert.

But Third Eye Blind demanded a rematch, which *NSYNC refused to give. Cue the enlistment of the Backstreet Boys. The members reunited, this time with Kevin, to finally have a chance to physically harm *NSYNC. They charged into the Center for the Arts brandishing diamond encrusted bows and arrows and bayonets. Not being the most skilled of warriors, they soon abandoned all weaponry for a much more suitable dance off. However, the anger was just to great and thrusting moves were not release enough, so old fashioned fist fighting ensued. The Backstreet Boys, not wearing anything diamond encrusted, had the significant macho advantage, and were much more skilled at hand-to-hand combat. The bayonets were taken up again and used to great effect on everyone but Lance Bass. The diamonds simply were too much, and his full body shield saved him from harm.

Once the bloodbath was over, the only member left standing was Bass.

Chaves was greatly wounded, Kirkpatrick was missing, Fatone, with a bayonet to his head, was too much in shock to register the rest of the upcoming events. Timberlake was so distraught that he balled up in a corner and proceeded to cry himself a river.

The judges, disgusted by the whole ordeal, but afraid of losing their deposit, had to offer someone a spot. *NSYNC, being the winners, still rightfully had the space, but Bass, being the only coherent one, turned it down, responding with, "Screw this, I'd much rather go to space with the Russians."

So, the spot was then offered once again to Third Eye Blind, but instead of agreeing they fled in horror from the campus. That left the Backstreet Boys, and delighted to have the opportunity to perform again, they accepted.

Littrell, the unspoken leader undeniably hottest member of the band said, "Thanks to the Berg for this - we've been waiting for a fight with *NSYNC for almost as long as the opportunity to perform, and now we've got both! As tribute to this occasion, we will wear diamond encrusted headsets during the show, that we stole from Third Eye Blind."



The winners of bloodbath pose victoriously in front of the camera for a weekly glamour shot.

Confessions of two sex columnists

By The Cat Lady and the Ice Queen

WEEKLY LIFE! VIRGINS

Ok, we have a confession to make. We're not as experienced as we seem. All of those past articles haven't really come from our own personal endeavors and activities.

The truth? We get our inspiration from outside sources. As soon as the *Weekly* hits the stands on Thursdays, we begin a mad rush of desperately asking our friends and random strangers for material to put into our next article. We have been known to beg, bribe, and burst into tears. Big, virgin tears.

After being turned down by the strangers (not to mention the overwhelming amount of harassment suits filed against us) and realizing that our phone calls are being ignored by our so-called friends (thanks guys), we inevitably turn to the same place all thirteen-year-old girls go: Pop Culture.

Our favorite form of media is, of course, the song. Here's a tribute, a compilation if you will, of

our most inspirational jams.

Love, love will keep us together, think of me babe whenever. Cause I'll always love you. These words are my own, from my heart flow, I love you, I love you, I love you, I love you. This kiss, this kiss. I've got a crush on you, I hope you feel the way that I do, I get a rush when I'm with you, I've got a crush on you.

You drive me crazy, I just can't sleep, I'm so excited, I'm in too deep. Boy I think that I'm in love with you, cause I've been telling all my friends what I feel for you. Ain't no other man, can stand up next to you. All you need is love, all you need is love, all you need is love, love is all you need. I wanna li li li lick you from you head to your toes, I wanna move from the bed down to the down to the to the floor, I wanna ah ah, you make it so good I don't wanna leave, but I got to kn kn kn know what's your fan-ta-sy. I'm down on my knees, I

wanna take you there. I'm bringing sexy back, yup. If you think I'm sexy and you want my body, come on sugar let me know. I'm too sexy for my shirt, too sexy for my shirt, so sexy it hurts. Let's talk about sex baby, let's talk about you and me, let's talk about all the good things and the bad things that may be. Cool these engines, calm these jets, I ask you how hot can it get, and as you wipe off beads of sweat slowly you say, I'm not there yet.

Now wasn't that nice? We may have taken some of you down memory lane of your own experiences, while others may have gotten a few ideas.

Or, like us, you just like a good tune you can snap your fingers to. In fact, we've been thinking over this whole sex thing. Doesn't sound that great to us. In fact, it sounds a little messy. A little painful.

A little more trouble than it's worth. So what if

we spend our nights watching *The Bachelor* and playing Scrabble? And so what if we had to take our cousins to the prom? We're still happy.

Sure we lose our cool at the drop of a hat and break into a cold sweat anytime a guy walks by, but isn't everyone like that?

Sure all those couples walking by hand in hand look happy, but really, isn't it about being happy with yourself? At least, that's what our life coach Howard tells us.

Happiness to us is a pint of Ben & Jerry's and curling up with our cats and a Danielle Steele novel in our flannel pajamas. And watching Oprah. And crying. But we love ourselves and that's all that counts. If we keep saying it to ourselves, we swear that's all that counts.

So as you can see, you can't judge a book by its cover, or a columnist by her column. Now excuse us while we go console ourselves with some Sarah McLachlan and Indigo Girls. We also have to feed the cats.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK: WHO IS MUHLENBERG SCOTT TALENT?



"He's the ghost that haunts my basement."
- The Multicultural Center



"Some of my girls killed him for trespassing a few years back."
- Brown Hall



"He fell down my elevator shaft."
- Seegers Union



"He's the sketchy towny that can be seen here at midnight."
- Tremont Apartments



"I am Muhlenberg Scott Talent."
- The Mule

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Weekend Listings



P.S. I Hate You

Fri. 2:30, 6:15, 9:30
Sat. 2:30, 6:15, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 6:15, 9:30

Supergood

Fri. 4:20, 6:45, 9:10
Sat. 4:20, 6:45, 9:10
Sun. 2:00, 4:20, 6:45

Knocked Down

Fri. 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
Sat. 3:45, 6:30, 9:20
Sun. 12:50, 3:45, 6:30

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Fri. 4:50, 7:45, 10:15
Sat. 4:50, 7:45, 10:15
Sun. 2:10, 4:50, 7:45

2000 A.D

Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
Sun. 1:15, 4:10, 7:00

Spiderwoman 7

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
Sun. 1:40, 4:30, 7:30

No Home for Young Men

Fri. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 3:00, 5:30, 8:00

French Hoodlum

Fri. 4:00, 7:15, 10:00
Sat. 4:00, 7:15, 10:00
Sun. 1:00, 4:00, 7:15

Meet Miley Cyrus: change your perspective

By Mike Stand
WEEKLY MUSIC AUTHORITY

The new CD by the amazingly popular teen phenomenon Hannah Montana, entitled *Meet Miley Cyrus*, really allows the listener to see inside the soul of this incredibly talented artist. Her lyrics, from her real self, rather than her hard partying Hannah stage nemesis, are heartfelt and deep – some of the greatest writing of this age.

Her track, *I Miss You*, says so much that it's hard to contain all of the emotions. How can one describe the genius of such lines as, "I miss you sha la la la...I miss you."

It just speaks volumes to the listener. Her voice is rich and multi-toned, almost as inflective as when she is talking – during and interview or on her hit TV show, where most of her songs, as Miley and as Hannah, are featured.

This CD has gained such popularity that it was recently awarded the prestigious Muhlenberg's Scott Talent award, which is extended to the most deserving artist of the moment.

Rumor has it that Muhlenberg Activity Council is working on having Miley appear next year for the

annual concert. This has spiked so much frenzy, especially among the College's sororities, that MAC has had to change the code on their office doors, otherwise they would be bombarded every day with people pleading, begging and threatening for Miley's appearance.

She would certainly be one of the more memorable performers that the College hosted, simply because she really relates to the issues of our age group.

Her songs speak to us because they reverberate our own concerns. Her track, *As I Am*, really denotes the main thoughts of our age group. She knows what we want to hear and she delivers only that.

There is no need for personality or artistic expression here. She has no thoughts of her own, no issues that distress her personally; no, she is totally focused on the needs and wants of the fans. If they are satisfied, then by golly so is she. If their deep and intense feelings are expressed, then Miley is complete.

As she sings, "As I am/is how you take me/never try to push/or make me different/when I talk you listen to me."

That is what is important to us here at the Berg – finding accept-

ance through the eyes of the opposite sex. Having a relationship and someone to listen to us, we have everything we need.

No need to worry about AIDS in Africa or the homeless in America, with someone to listen to us, not them, everything is right with the world. With that validity, we have all we need to live a full life.

Lyrics about individuality, strength, hardship, heartbreak, war, oppression, death, pain and honor are just too superficial for our focused and driven psyches to deal with.

No, Miley knows what the people need to hear, and she has an awe inspiring message to deliver, and deliver it she does – with power, talent and grace.

Her presence is one of a clearly driven and focused young lady. She knows how to handle herself and the sophistication of her lyrics proves the maturity of her mind to all of her listeners.

She is clearly above the dribble that most people of our age listen to. She far surpasses the likes of artists such as U2, Common, Alicia Keys and others, who seek to fill our head with too many conflicting messages.

And, if we were ever frightened that we would no longer have Miley around to comfort and sustain our way of life?

Never fear for she reminds us in her track *Right Here*, that, "I'll be right here when you need me/ Anytime just keep believin/ And I'll be right here/ If you ever need a friend/ Someone to care and understand/ I'll be right here."

So, Miley will be around for a long, long time. Perhaps for all eternity. And why shouldn't she, being one of the greatest artists of this day and age. She goes to heart of things, to the point, to what really, truly matters.

So. Keep it simple, keep it to the point. Keep it like Miley. Her CD is one that all should own. So, go meet the real Miley, your life will surely be changed for the better.



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Weekly critic's video all the rage

By Dee Vee Dee
WEEKLY VIDEO DEVICE

The most successful film critic to attend Muhlenberg College has gotten rave reviews of his own. Matthew Howard, the Muhlenberg Weekly Film Critic, has won an enormous amount of praise from his peers, especially me. His short film entitled *The Big Dive* serves as a metaphor for the consequences of America's rapid and unchecked consumption of oil.

At only one minute and thirty-three seconds, *Dive* isn't your prototypical "Oscar-worthy" masterpiece, but its Howard's vision and talent that allows him to squeeze an enormous amount of information into the limited artistic freedom he was given by his producers.

Made in only a single day, *Dive* opens with a shot of a seemingly ordinary American flag. But, as the camera tracks around the flag and pulls back, we see that there is a person cloaked in the flag. It appears as if the character (credited as "America"), played by Howard himself and is on a tall diving board. Loud music and fanfare accompany

his triumphant entrance. Judging by America's stoic demeanor and the fanfare, it is clear that he is extremely powerful.

As the crowd silences and the music stops, America removes his cloak to reveal a well maintained, chiseled body. All of a sudden, he leaps into the camera and everything goes black. A loud thud is followed by the horrific sight of blood being splattered on an American flag. Howard's use of black and white photography is employed to great effect in this scene, ala *Raging Bull*.

Howard then uses his exceptional camera-work to portray the helplessness of America. The viewer is made aware of the fact that America was not as high-up as he thought he was and instead of jumping into a giant pool of oil, he landed in a nearly empty pool of oil.

This metaphor affected me so much that I began to choke-up in the movie theater. Clearly, Howard was implying that this country has put itself on a pedestal. America is so engrossed with power that it forgets to keep track of the things that keep the world running. We are

quickly depriving this precious earth of its natural resources. If we continue to use these resources without the thought of consequence, we will be faced with unconscionable repercussions in the future.

His black and white technique gives the film a unique feel, as if the two colors represent the two choices America has to choose from. Keep doing what we are doing now and suffer later, or suffer a little now and work towards the future.

In my opinion, *The Big Dive* is a true film. It thrills, chills, scares, enlightens and engages the viewer. I dare anyone to watch the entire film without being engulfed in the contrasting elements of complexity and simplicity. I expect many Academy Award nominations for this amazing film.

Peter Travers has said that "*The Big Dive* is a reminder of what truly talented filmmakers are able to accomplish." Richard Roeper stated that "Howard's *Dive* is as special as Wells' *Citizen Kane*...but better." Michael Philips described the film as "Emotional, breathtaking, shocking and informative; a true work of art." But the highest praise

arguably comes from Roger Ebert.

"This film, this work of art has announced the arrival of a true artist, a filmmaker who has the capacity to arouse emotions from the populace that have the ability to shape lives, or dare I say...the world. We should all take a step back and appreciate the talent we have before us, presented in the form of Matthew Howard. If Mr. Howard is any indication, than Muhlenberg scott talent."

For those who wish to view this "diamond in the rough" you can access this masterpiece on YouTube.

Here is the link: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=TaQG01DXrM>. Everyone should watch. It is a phenomenon that no one, college student or not should miss.

The thrills, the effects, the message! It all combined its almost too much. It almost overwhelms the viewer, but in the most amazing manner. The simplicity and the raw honesty of the message but the complexity of the emotion makes for a cinematic masterpiece the likes of which have not been seen for decades.

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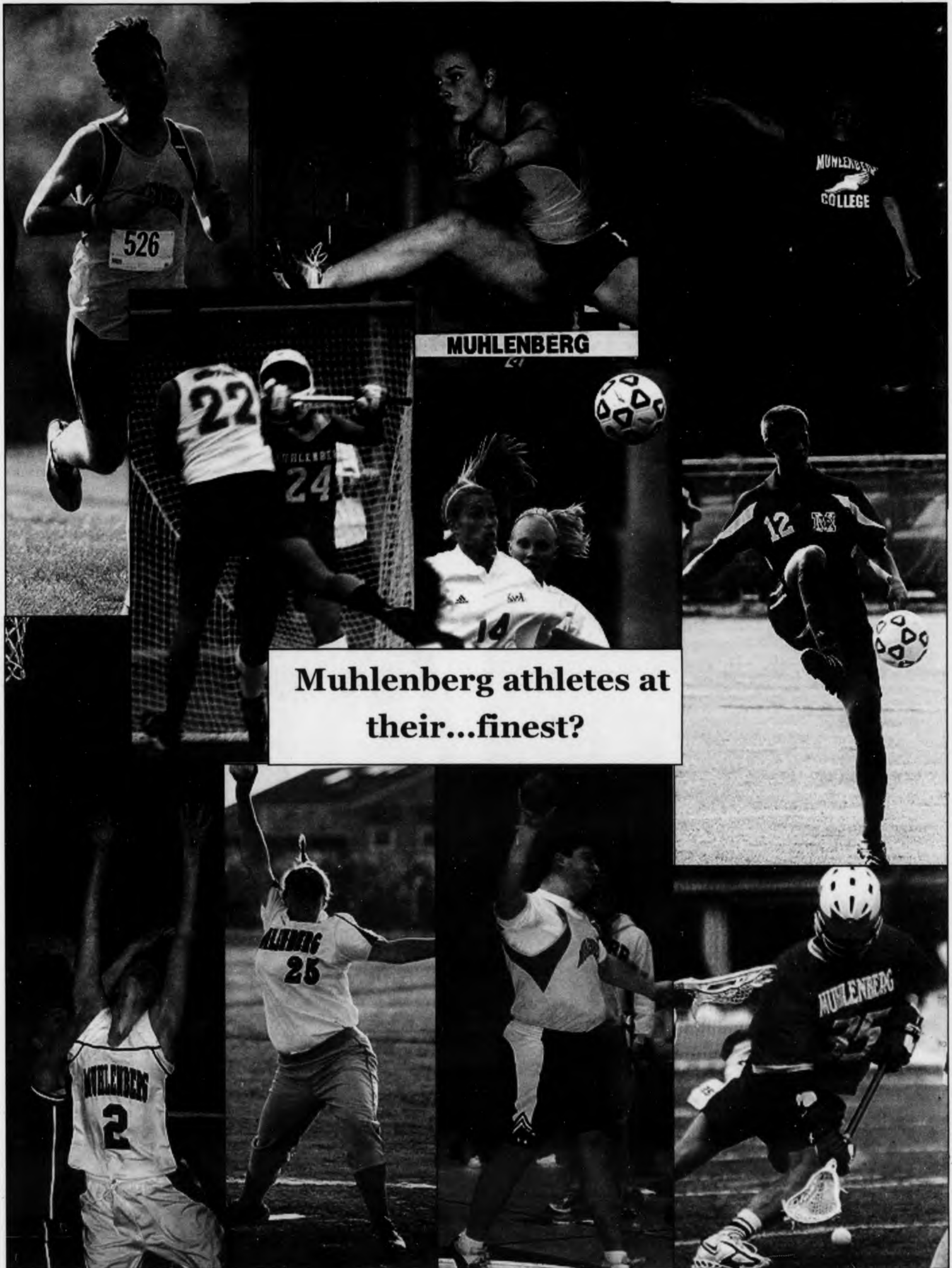
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**Muhlenberg athletes at
their...finest?**

Local student shatters world record for most consecutive hours spent masturbating

By Anita Hump

WEEKLY SPORTS MASTER DEBATER

Long after most students are asleep, passed out from studying, there is one student who stays up just a little longer and goes the extra mile. While studying is the most common reason for pulling an all-nighter for most students, this student pulls something else instead.

On a typical night, he sits down at his desk, turns off the lights and then drops his pants. This is when the pornography comes out and the timer starts. Nine hours and twenty-three minutes later, a new record is set. The record is for the longest time spent masturbating.

I recently interviewed this student upon hearing of his accomplishment. To protect his identity, I will refer to him as Ihava Hardahn. I asked Hardahn about his formula for success. He told me that he prefers to use a combination of scented lotions and tissues along with hardcore German pornography. According to him, he also likes to rock his chair back and forth while masturbating.

Ironically, this new accomplishment actually came as a complete surprise

to Hardahn. One night, after about 5 hours of masturbating, his roommate walked in on him and then immediately left in horror. His roommate returned 4 hours later, with his friends, to find Hardahn still masturbating furiously. Hardahn proudly proclaimed to them that he had been masturbating for the last 9 hours. His roommate left once again and returned 25 minutes later to find out that Hardahn had just stopped masturbating and was now icing his balls. Intrigued, his roommate entered Hardahn's time into *GOOGLE* and found out that he had just shattered a world record!

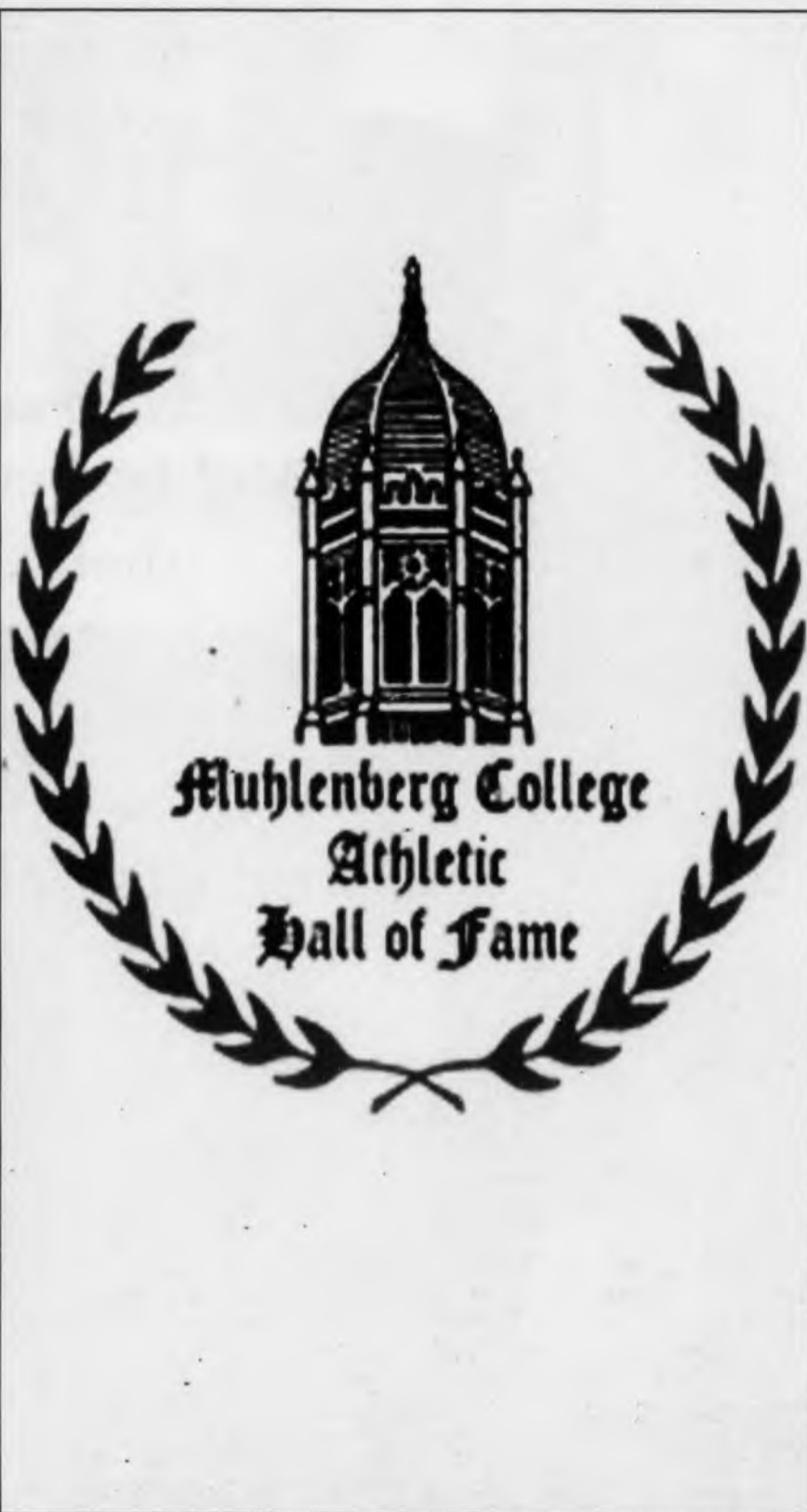
With his new accomplishment, Hardahn has been entered into the Muhlenberg Hall of Fame, which affirms that Muhlenberg Scott Talent. Further, Hardahn's accomplishment has made him eligible for the Muhlenberg masturbate-a-thon, which will take place in early May.

I asked Ihava Hardahn how he will be training for the masturbate-a-thon, to which he replied, "I'm going to be working around the clock to build up my endurance." Upon hearing this, Hardahn's roommate requested that he be moved into a single room immediately. His request was subsequently denied.



Congratulations to world record holder Ihava Hardahn. After over nine hours of masturbation, he stands alone in the record books.

PHOTO BY DISGRUNTLED ROOMMATE



Muhlenberg baseball player named in Mitchell Report

By I.P. Freely
WEEKLY SPORTS JUICER

Muhlenberg athletics has made history once again. On December 13, 2007 Senator George Mitchell released his much anticipated report on HGH and steroid use in baseball, aptly dubbed the Mitchell Report. Of the 89 former and current players named in the report, the most significant, but not shocking, name was Roger Clemens. But what has not been reported as much is the presence of a current D-III baseball player in the report. In fact, Muhlenberg owns the distinction of having the only non-MLB player named in the report.

Senior Jeffrey Canseco owns the distinction of being the only non-professional baseball player named in Mitchell's 409-page report. Canseco, a theater major and writing minor, has been a standout baseball player for the Mules. In his four year career, Canseco is batting a steady .354 with 79 home runs. Although his numbers are extremely impressive, it's his progression that calls his staggering numbers into question. As a freshman and sophomore, Canseco batted a combined .091 with no long balls.

The summer between his sophomore and junior year, Canseco purportedly spent a large amount of time with trainer Greg Anderson. If that name sounds familiar, it should; he's Barry Bonds' personal trainer who "allegedly" injected Mr. Bonds with steroids, while telling him they were vitamins.

When Canseco showed up for his junior season, teammates noticed something different about him. In his first two years of college, Canseco weighed in at a twig-like



138 lbs. As a junior, his weight ballooned to a hefty 253 lbs. When asked about his weight increase, Canseco replied, "I began to hit the gym, 20 to 22 hours a day." His head size also increased by 2.5 and his cup protector reduced in size by 3. Clearly something was up, but his league leading average of .892 and home run total of 36 persuaded people from asking Canseco the tough questions.

It wasn't until Anderson said that he had been working with an anonymous D-III player that people began to start questioning the legitimacy of Canseco. When Canseco batted at away games, it wasn't uncommon for several fans to throw syringes on the field in mock protest. The booing got so bad that at one point, Canseco wore ear plugs during an at-bat.

When the Mitchell Report was released, detailed evidence of Canseco's use was published. He had been spending \$40,000 a year on HGH alone; another \$15,000 went to Victor Conte and the infamous BALCO laboratories. Needless to say, Canseco was humiliated. He responded to every question concerning his link to the Mitchell Report with the ominous "no comment."



In his senior season, still weighing in at 253 lbs., Canseco belted a career high 43 home runs and the allegations of him being "juiced" never ceded. At the final press conference of his career, Canseco addressed the question of how he became such a dominant player in such a small amount of time by saying "Muhlenberg Scott Talent." Whether or not "Muhlenberg Scott Talent" can be debated, it is clear that Muhlenberg will have an infamous mark on their legacy.

Football Mules receive big-time recognition, join Big Ten Conference

By Googz
WEEKLY FOOTBALL INSIDER

This past season, the Muhlenberg Football Team steamrolled every opponent in Centennial Conference play, and ended undefeated in the regular season. Because of the fantastic play, plus some key recruiting during the off-season, Muhlenberg will join the ranks of Major College Football, as they join the Big Ten Conference as it's 12th member, officially allowing the Conference to have a Conference Championship game. It will join as part of division A, along with Penn State, Illinois, Northwestern, Wisconsin, and Iowa (Division B consists of Ohio State, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Indiana, and Purdue). The schedule of the now loaded Mules includes out-of-Conference foes Florida Atlantic, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, and the always dangerous Miami Hurricanes. The Mules will begin Conference play at Michigan.

Along with the new "big-time" status is the building of a new stadium, which should be ready by the 2010 season. The dome stadium will be built about 1 to 2 miles off-campus, since at this point, there isn't any room anywhere else to build it. It should be able to house anywhere from 50 to 60 thousand fans, making the Mules a huge market not only to the College, but

the Allentown and Lehigh Valley areas as well. Although no one has come up with a name just yet, it's likely to be named after one of it's main sponsors (Hershey has invested into much of the project). Until that stadium is finished, the Mules will transfer over to the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs stadium, where they are doing slight renovations now to accommodate the football games in the fall.

Although Muhlenberg is picked to finish last in the league, many of the players have hope for a good season, even a possible championship in the division and Conference. "Because we are new to being Division 1 and to a major conference, everybody is picking us to lose," a Mule stated. "We may be a little behind because we don't have the Chris Wells' (Ohio State) or Derrick Williams' (Penn State) of the world, but we've got some fast, strong, and smart guys who are willing to do whatever takes to win the Big Ten title."

Recruiting has also been on the upswing, as they have been in the mix for several top players in the state of Pennsylvania. They were even mentioned to be in the mix for All-World Quarterback prospect Terrelle Pryor, who ultimately signed with the Buckeyes. Even though some are skeptical, I have a feeling this Mules team is going to surprise some people.

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Muhlenberg goes undefeated

By Ken Burton
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Don Shula and the
undefeated 72'
Miami Dolphins

have nothing on the Muhlenberg Mules. For the sixth season in a row, this Muhlenberg team has gone undefeated. No, I'm not referring to the perfect regular season that the Mules' Varsity Football Team enjoyed, but rather another, lesser known, Muhlenberg football team. I am talking about the Women's Arena Football Team.

Six years ago, the Muhlenberg Athletic Director announced, at a very small press conference, that the Mules would boast the first Women's Arena Football Team in the entire country. He also announced a five year contract to play home games at the Spectrum Arena in Philadelphia. When asked how many other schools were expected to participate in the inaugural season, the A.D. admitted he expected the new sport to take time to catch on with other schools. For that first season, the Mules won all ten games by default because no other school participated.

This year, the Mules were bolstered by the announcement that a new contract has been struck that would make the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia the new home arena for the Mules. During training camp, Coach Theresa Coughlist announced that the starting quarterback for the Mules would be junior Elena Tanning. Coach Coughlist noted Ms. Tanning's pocket-passing ability and blitz recognition as her strongest attributes. Coach Coughlist also announced that junior Brenda Jenkins would be the co-captain and starting running back, citing her quick cutting ability and remarkable 40 time as her best

qualities. Starting at wide-receiver would be sophomore Patricia Burgess who, using her height, would be able to dominate the smaller safeties of opposing teams.

The Muhlenberg defense would consist of co-captain and starting defensive-end, senior Michelle Gaptooth who, using her superior strength, could muscle past any centers that opposing teams put on the field. The corner-back positions would be manned by sophomores Chloe Webfoot and Alicia Toss who, while inexperienced, showed great potential, as exemplified by her pass-reading ability. Rounding out the star studded defense is sophomore Amanda Piece, who would man the middle linebacker position. Coach Coughlist cited her unbelievable strength, determination and pass-rushing ability as her top characteristics.

All was in place for the Mules to have a remarkable season. Only one obstacle remained for the Mules to begin their season. Muhlenberg was still the only team in Women's Arena Football and could not play a game. The A.D. and coach tried frantically to lobby other schools to join the league, but to no avail. The season was scratched and the Mules, for a sixth season in a row, failed to play a game. The Mules went undefeated with a record of 0-0, leaving the all-time record at 0-0 as well.

Coach Coughlist told the Weekly that she was very happy with her

team's performance this past season and is looking forward to coaching the Mules in the future. As you may know, her contract expired at the end of the season. Fortunately, sources have pointed to Coughlist remaining head coach. It is estimated that Muhlenberg College will offer her a 4 year, \$21 million contract to remain with the school. If this season was an indicator, it's clear that Muhlenberg Scott Talent.



Muhlenberg masturbation team cums in second

By Jack Mehoff
WEEKLY SPORTS TUGGER

This past week the highly touted Muhlenberg Masturbation Team finished in a disappointing second place at the Sesame Street Invitational Tournament. While the team was unanimously picked to finish first by the Associated Press Poll, the Mules' performance was dealt a number of setbacks that led directly to their unexpected defeat. Senior and co-captain Ben Dover led the Men's division while sophomore Kelly Foringer led the Lady Mules in their bracket. Despite Dover's stellar performance (313 pumps) the other two male participants failed to impress.

In the first match of the tournament, sophomore Jack D. Ripper was disqualified after failing the mandatory drug test. His urine tested positive for high amounts of the popular performance enhancing drug, Viagra. Traces of a low-grade

cow tranquilizer were also found in his sample. Ripper's breach of the National Masturbation Oversight Council's drug policy will likely earn him a one year suspension from competitive masturbation.

With junior starter Dirk Diggler sidelined by a groin injury suffered in practice, freshman Ryan Lintz made his first career start for the Mules. He didn't last long though, only going 13 pumps and lasting a measly 27.2 seconds. He was dominated by Dickinson's promising freshman, Richard Johnson (112 pumps).

On the women's side, only two of the three contestants were able to finish their matches. Foringer showed her talent by stupefying her opponent, Moravian's Gyna Flow, 32 climaxes to only 4. Sophomore Minnie Butts was forced to leave the competition due to an injury. In the second minute of her match, Butts broke her finger while competing and lost her match by

default. In the Mules' final match, freshman Rhonda Rearend managed to claw out a tie against John Hopkins' Daisy Fluke. Rearend should be commended for her toughness, as she finished her match despite a broken fingernail.

The Mules faithful came in force to the tournament to show their support. The chant "Muhlenberg Scott Talent" reverberated around the Sesame Street Stadium. If not for the unfortunate circumstances that surrounded the Mules masturbation team, they very easily could have come away with the trophy. If there is a lesson to be learned by this loss, it's that there's nothing wrong with coming in number two. This article has been brought to you by the letters, "J" and "O."

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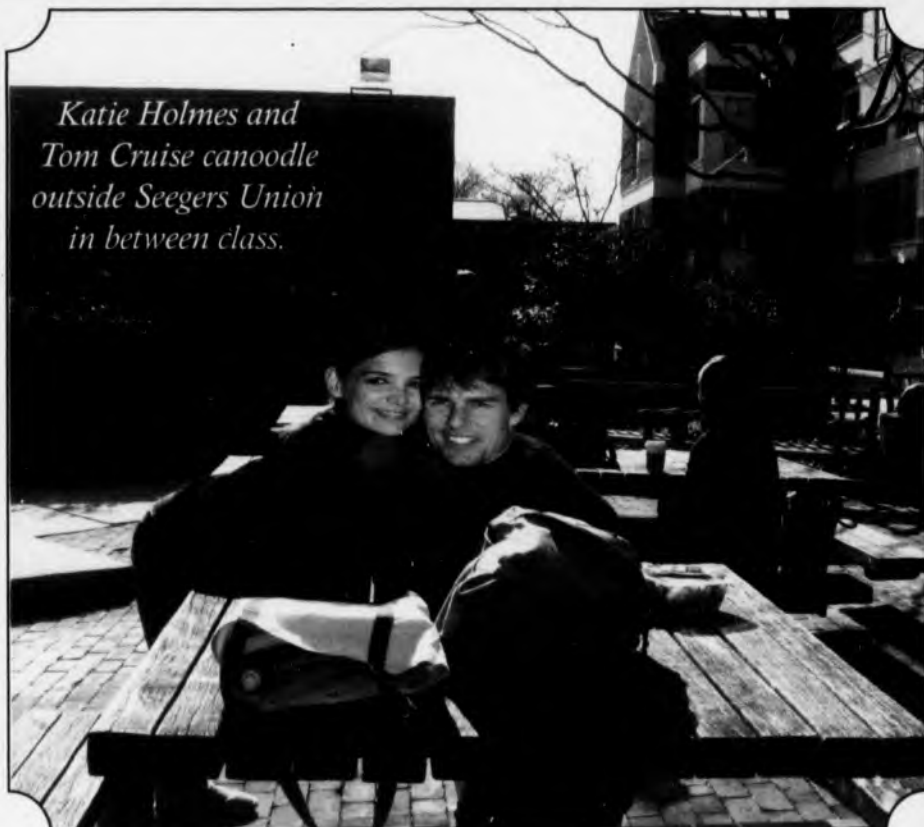
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Tom Cruise canoodle
outside Seegers Union
in between class.*

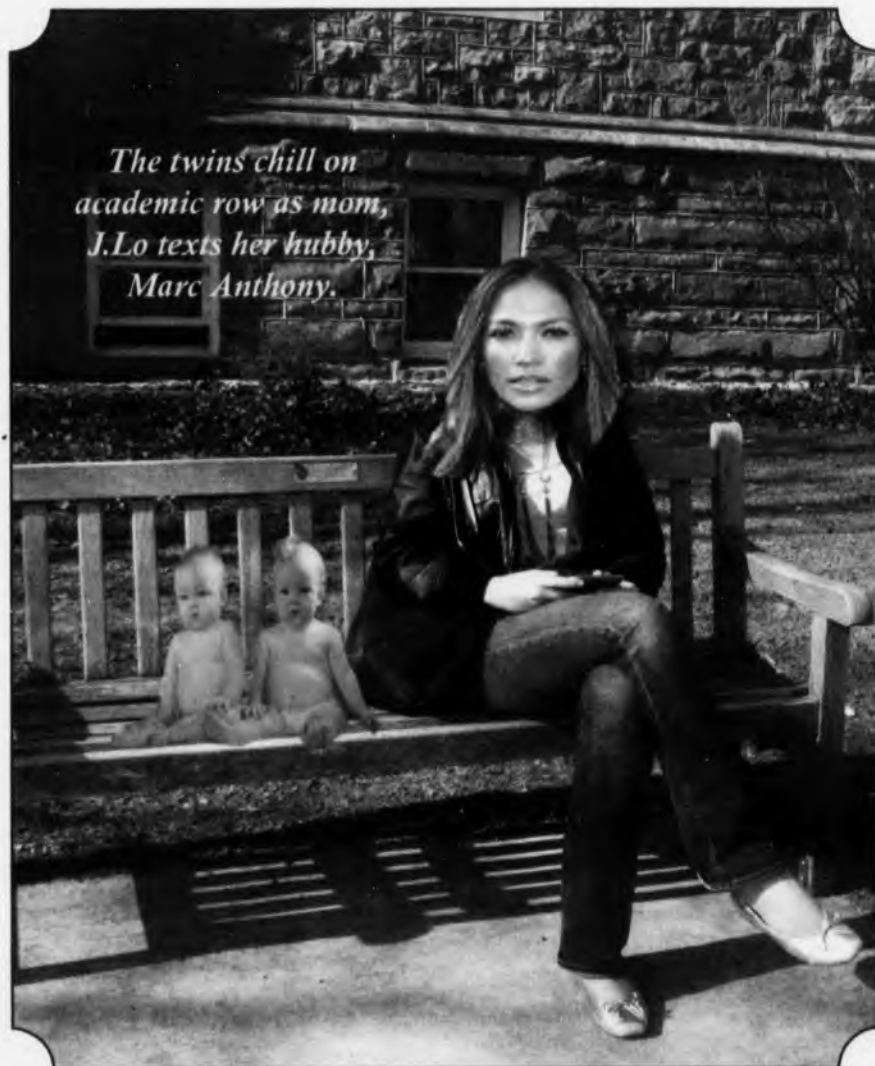


LOOK!



*They're just
like US!*

*The twins chill on
academic row as mom,
J.Lo texts her hubby,
Marc Anthony.*



Due to Brad Pitt's unbelievable humanitarian efforts, and Helm's lack of world wide aide outreach, Helm has taken one for the team and

Helm OUT, Pitt IN!

allowed Pitt to step in as President of Muhlenberg College. As an active student on this campus, I played a big role in making this whole thing possible. A lot of controversy has surrounded this profound decision so I just wanted to explain the positive things this will bring to Muhlenberg. First of all, Pitt will be moving into Helm's old house with Angelina and the kids. I have the honor of babysitting for the 20 some-odd kids these two will be sure to pop out/ adopt in the next few years. Pitt on Jolie's ridiculous good looks and almost statue like appearance needs to rub off on this campus' population!

Celebs start new SORORITY AND FRATERNITY on campus

Celebrities moving from Los Angeles turning to a life of academia at Muhlenberg College, have not only brought themselves, but also their social lives with them. As President of Panhellenic Council I have had the honor, along with the Greek Life council, of allowing the creation of a new sorority, Alpha Beta Kappa, and fraternity, Tau Phi Delta, to come onto this campus. As excited as I am by these new organizations I do have a few concerns towards their effect on the students, greek and non greek alike. It has been rumored that new pledges from Tau Phi Delta have been put under a lot of stress and pressures in order to be accepted into the frat. One of the pledgees, Will Ferrell, was recently spotted running butt naked(streaking in the quad) past Seegers in broad daylight! The scariest part is that Tau Phi Delta is in alliance with the school President, Brad Pitt. Pledging events have actually been hosted in his backyard. "Keggers" are a new weekly event, where Brad is the new leading champion and has been recorded with a keg stand of over an hour.

Not only has the fraternity been involved in some messy situations, but the new sorority, Alpha Beta Kappa, has been getting a bad reputation campus wide. Lindsay Lohan, as the first official President of the sorority, has instated a table in Seegers dedicated to only people within her sorority and has even been overheard saying "you can't sit with us" to anyone who is not a part of Alpha Beta Kappa. The pledges of this sorority have even become the new janitors on campus. They can be seen cleaning the bathrooms in the academic buildings and even vacuuming in Seegers Union.

~THE RUNDOWN~

NEW FACILITIES OPEN!

As a senior at Muhlenberg College I have had a great few years here, but have always felt like there could be more to do around and campus and within the Allentown

community. I am so excited by the increased enrollment of celebrities on campus because of the impact it has had on new stores, clubs, and restaurants within the area.

Khloe Kardashian (of the Kardashians) has opened her clothing store, Dash, now located on Chew Street. I also recently passed by a whole strip of doctors offices geared towards plastic surgery and botox. Its comforting to have so many health options within walking distance. Also, clubs such as maingate and Croc Rock, have been replaced with trendier places and I have had the pleasure of partying with Paris Hilton and recent mother, Nicole Richie, who has not appeared to let motherhood get her in way of raging.

For me and my friends, alike, it is great to finally see this area to be revived with things that are really needed. Sorry the article is so short, but I have to run to my botox appointment.





What's IN & What's OUT?

IN

Tiny, tiny dogs
Mercedes/BMW
Anything fur
Manolo Blahnik
Diamonds
Pretty
Plastic Surgery
Rodeo Drive

OUT

Tiny dogs
Bikes/Walking
North Faces
Birkenstock
Pearls
Ugly
Natural look
Academic Row

Question of the week:

What celebrity would you like to see invade Muhlenberg next?



As long as its not a
jack ass like me.

-The Mule



Simon Cowell, from
American Idol, so we can
have someone weed out
the good from the bad in
the theatre department.

-Bill Nye,
The Science
Guy



Brad Pitt took my
place, why don't you
go ask him, he's the
new prez now.

-President Helm



Tom Cruise. We
need more diversity
on this campus.

-Scient Ologee '08



Clinton rally generates excitement at the 'Berg



Former President Bill Clinton came to the College to advocate for his wife, Hillary Clinton. He discussed the problems that as a country we face and how Hillary plans to change them.

PHOTO BY MEREDITH CLINTON

By Jamie Schneider
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Former president Bill Clinton addressed thousands of members of the Lehigh Valley community in Memorial Hall on Mar. 19, 2008.

Ed Pawlowski, Mayor of Allentown, introduced Clinton as "one of the greatest presidents we ever had," associating his terms in office with a decline in national debt unlike present policy.

"I'm a little out of practice. I'm only in politics to help Hillary," said Clinton as he started his speech. He used his time at the College to run through a list of economic and policy problems that have surfaced throughout the Bush administration. He criticized the

Bush administration for adding four trillion dollars to the national debt, and leaving numerous children behind. According to Clinton, his wife, Sen. Hilary Clinton, should be elected "to stop these bad things from happening."

Although he joked about his speaking skills, the charismatic former president was well received by students of the College.

"Clinton did an excellent job keeping my attention and his speaking skills were even better than I anticipated. However, I had to keep reminding myself that he isn't the one running for President," said Adam Hirsh'09.

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We cannot wait for change

By Luanne Linares
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

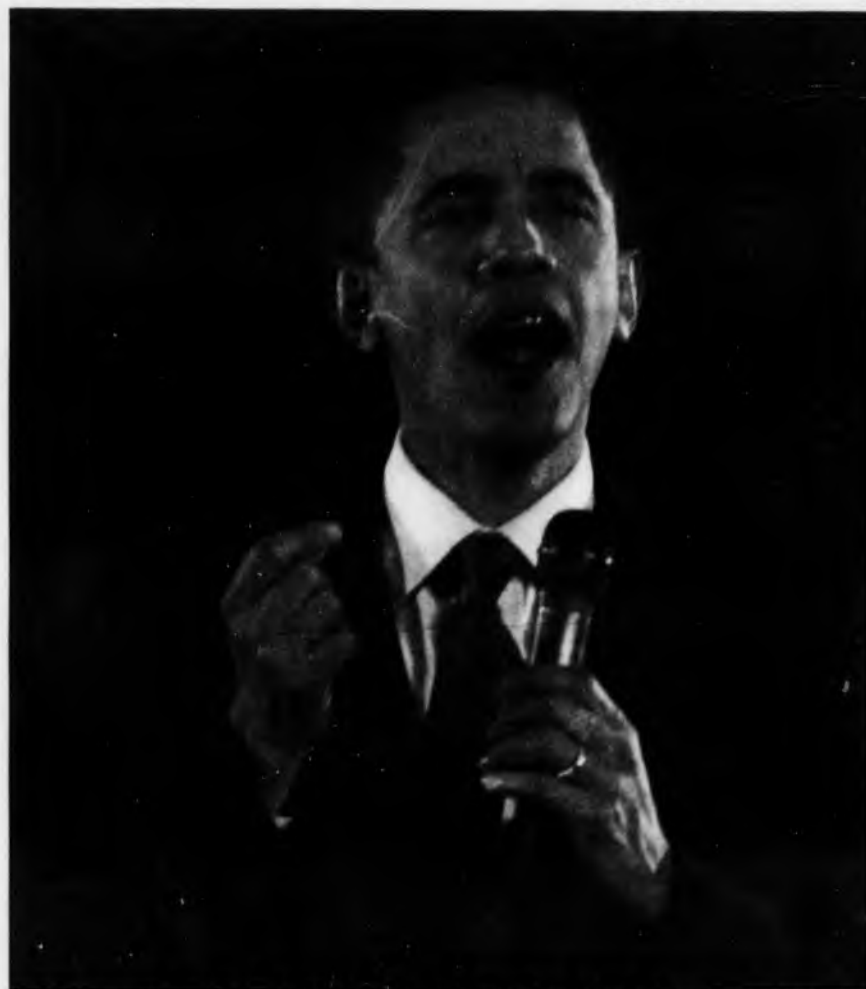
Presidential nominee Barack Obama made a stop along his campaign trail this past week and spoke at the College on Mar. 31, in Memorial Hall, to a very enthusiastic and overwhelmingly large crowd.

He spoke as plainly as he could in order to address the very mixed crowd that surrounded him. He addressed issues important to college students, senior citizens, and parents. He emphasized his main arguments on education, health insurance, and of course, the war in Iraq.

His slogan is "Change we can

believe in" and that is the focus of his campaign. He catered to the common man, reiterating that if our voices are not heard, there will be no change. He opened and closed his speech with why he was running for president: "because it is time for change... if we are ready to shake things up... the time is now." He wants to be an advocate for the people "to stop talking about the outrage and start doing something about it." He wants to create a country that is fair for all Americans, one that supports the worker and his family. That is why he has chosen to run now as a relatively young candidate. There is no

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Obama speaks to the Lehigh Valley about his ideas for education and health care. There are many changes that he wants to bring to the country and that the time for these changes is now.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE RITZO

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One for the history books

These past few weeks have been quite a political whirlwind for the College. More famous people have made stops along their campaign trails for this election than any previous one since the time of Richard Nixon. This is a historic election for the 'Berg and for the country as a whole. And to be such an intimate part of it – through coverage in this paper – we have to say that we feel honored to have been given this opportunity.

The view from the press box offered a unique perspective on the history unfolding around us because we were literally smack in the middle of it. We were surrounded on all sides by various other media as well as all the people who had come out to hear the speeches given by former President Bill Clinton in support of his wife Hillary, and potential Democratic Presidential nominee Barack Obama. We do not know who we are supporting in this election, but have come to the conclusion that while the speeches were to gain support for the Democratic party, they were also about so much more.

They were about passion, about believing in change, about the American people as a whole, because really if we do not vote, a candidate can talk until he is blue in the face but he has no chance of ever making it into the White House. So, going back to our overarching theme of all our previous editorials, we advocate for change. It does not have to fall along a party line, it just has to be an idea that you believe in and want to realized, be it Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or any other origin.

Asking our fellow students if they planned on attending Obama's speech, we were excited and enthused by some answers, but disappointed by others. Walking through Seegers and seeing students lined up for tickets hours before they went on sale, we thought, here is a great example of our student body's enthusiasm for change. Maybe not even political change, but simply political awareness. The fact that so many students suffered sore feet, legs, and backs to hear both Clinton and Obama attests to their participation and interest in the coming elections.

However, other classmates of ours were not quite as willing to suffer for a coveted ticket. Understandably, some students did not want to stand in line for hours, but we still wonder, why not? Think about it. How often do opportunities like these come along? We are proud to say that we are now a part of history - how many college students can say that?

So, while some of the student body is clearly concerned with life outside of the College, as we feel they should be, others may still need a bit of a push.

I love the nineties

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY STAFF WRITER

As Third Eye Blind took the stage on Sunday, it hit me. Maybe it was all that incense wafting from the stage, but I was struck with a wave of nostalgia that sent me back to my pre-teen days of rocking out to "Jumper" with my brand new Sony Discman and headphones.

Picture your pre-teen self humming along to the catchy refrains of "Semi-Charmed Life" in the summer of 1997. Your Beanie Babies collection has lost its market value and Pogs are getting boring, so you hand over your hard-earned allowance to the music groups featured on MTV's Total Request Live and VH-1's Pop-Up Video. Remember actually going to the store to buy CD's before the dawn of downloadable iTunes and even Napster?

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Letters to the Editor

Mr. Muhlenberg was neither a disgrace nor a disappointment. As a class council, we feel as though a response to the letter to the editor a few weeks ago in *The Weekly* is definitely merited. Mr. Muhlenberg is an annual entertainment event which is difficult to keep under two hours. With the amount of participation and enthusiasm we received from our campus it is certainly a challenge to narrow down contestants.

This year we had over 100 nominations for male students to participate in Mr. Muhlenberg. If we were to accept everyone nominated we would have had an all night event. Approximately 20 of those nominated wanted to go forward with an interview. After all of the interviews were conducted, the Class of 2009 Council set down to the difficult task of narrowing down the list of contestants to twelve. In years past the number of contestants has been limited to ten, but we wanted to incorporate as many contestants as possible. Contrary to the last article, we did indeed offer Brian Kaplan a spot in the competition, but after one of our council members had contacted him to make him aware if this, we were notified that Brian would not be able to participate.

Therefore, we do not appreciate the harsh allegations against our Class Council made by Mr. Brennan, an '07 graduate. Every story has two sides and this is ours. Our Class Council put an extraordinary amount of effort into this annual event and carried out the interview and selection process the best we could. This year's Mr. Muhlenberg was one of the most unique and successful competitions the college has had in years. This notion was seconded by Dr. Rusdki, a judge, when during the competition he stated that this was one of, if not the best Mr. Muhlenberg competition yet. We encourage all students who were nominated and auditioned to try out again for next year's production.

In other areas, the Class of 2009 Council has worked extremely hard to represent our class. We were the first class to initiate a very successful campus wide community service event titled, Community Clean and Green, in the fall. Also in the fall we co-sponsored Muhlenberg Idol and had great success with this event as well. Members of our Class Council continue to lobby for real soap and hand dryers in our dorms, an effort which has been going on since our freshmen year. Other members of our Class Council successfully lobbied for there to be a quad atmosphere in the Village and there are now picnic tables and a grill from those efforts. These are just a few of the many positive contributions that our Class Council has achieved during our time at Muhlenberg.

Respectfully,
The Class of 2009 Council

Dear Editors,

I just wanted to write a brief response to the "We Think We're Alone Now..." editorial in the March 20 edition of the Muhlenberg Weekly.

First of all, I want to share my excitement about online registration. I think that this is a wonderful new tool for both students and faculty, and while there may be some bumps in the road as we develop new processes and learn new methods, registering online will ultimately allow for greater flexibility and better schedules.

Most importantly, however, I want students to know that they really are not alone. Students will continue to meet with their advisors, where they are given guidance about courses for the upcoming semester as well as career and interest goals.

In addition, while not doing the actual registration, the Registrar's Office is still here to answer your questions and provide assistance. My office staff has been gearing up to make sure that we can help you with this new process.

So, while you are able to register for courses without sitting in the "long winding line," the Registrar's Office staff is still here, ready and waiting to answer questions you may have.

Happy Registering!

**You are not
alone for
Registration**

Debbie Tamte-Horan
Registrar

The math doesn't add up



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

If you simply take a look at the numbers in the Democratic Primary race, something becomes blatantly clear. Unless Barack Obama suffers a bigger meltdown than the New York Yankees in the 2004 ALCS, he is going to be the Democratic candidate for President.

Hillary isn't catching him in the popular vote and she isn't catching him in pledged delegates. She is most likely going to win

Pennsylvania and, if she is lucky, she will eek out a win in Indiana. However, those two victories still won't put her anywhere near overtaking Obama's delegate lead. So basically, unless FOX News takes over every media outlet in this country and convinces enough people that Barack Obama is secretly a Muslim or that he agrees with every word his pastor currently yells, he should have smooth sailing to the nomination.

Yet, there is another way for Hillary to win and that is the sole reason she isn't going to be giving concession speeches in Philadelphia this April. She could still find some way to sway enough super-delegates

to vote her way and take the decision away from the millions of ordinary Americans who took their time

to go out and vote. If she decides to consider pursuing this option and dragging this

race all the way to the convention, it is going to be an ugly summer for the Democratic Party.

Now, the Democratic Party hasn't been all that good at winning much of anything lately. The fact that they couldn't muster up a candidate to beat George Bush in 2004 shows how poorly run they have been in recent years. A Democrat would hope they wouldn't be foolish enough to allow a battle to occur in June over who is the rightfully elected nominee.

If Hillary Clinton can't pull a mammoth political upset over the next set of races, which would include blowing Obama away in Pennsylvania and basically running the table in every other race, will she show enough care for her party to bow out of the race?

Or will she tear down Obama as long as possible in a desperate attempt to rally enough super-delegates to hand her a highly contested nomination? If Clinton

truly believes in everything she has said about John McCain and George W. Bush over the last few years, then she won't consider the latter.

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Most likely Obama will lose in Pennsylvania, but he will then make up the ground lost in the races in Indiana and North Carolina, leaving Clinton without enough time or delegates to catch him and Obama will win the democratic nomination.

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Picture yourself a decade ago: You're sitting on the bus on the way to school. You've peeled the "Parental Advisory" sticker off of your new CD and popped it into your Discman (i-Pods were a revolution yet-to-be). The Lunchables snack that mom packed in your lunchbox didn't quite satisfy your hunger, so you grab a packet of Nerds, Pop Rocks or Airheads and wash 'em down with a Capri Sun. After you feed/wash/play with/ignore your Tamagotchi/Giga Pet/ Nano Baby, you wave to your friends clad in JNCO jeans, Old Navy Performance Fleece, and Tommy Hilfiger t-shirts. They're clomping around in Doc Marten-esque boots, chunky Sketchers sandals, and sleek Air Jordans (this was, after all, the era that Michael Jordan and the Bulls sat on top of the NBA throne). It all makes me want to go watch Space Jam...

Anyway, you come home from school just in time to catch Bill Nye the Science Guy and Nickelodeon's prime cartoon hour, but first you catch some blurbs on the news. This new Harry Potter series is getting to be pretty popular (thank God – you've read all those Goosebumps books by R.L. Stine at least twice). Abnormally warm weather has people freaking out about something called global warming. The Clinton's are the center of political headlines. America is bombing Iraq. The Spice Girls are together on tour.

Wait...I guess some things haven't changed.

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CLINTON

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Clinton outlined three big problems of America that must be addressed: growing inequality in income, education and healthcare, insecurity and global terror, and instability of American youth due to global warming, higher gas prices, the cost of health care, and education loans. He explained what his wife would do to alleviate these problems. For example, pushing the development of lithium ion batteries to increase the production and lower the costs of electric cars, as well as supporting more Pell grants, increasing tuition tax credits and lowering student loan rates to make college affordable for all American youth.

Clinton commended McCain for his work and support of America, saying that he "has some redeem-

ing qualities as a Republican," but continued to highlight what makes his wife a better candidate, according to him.

"There are a lot of mutually agreeable goals. Clinton said a lot of things

"I'm a little out of practice. I'm only in politics to help Hillary."

- Former President Clinton

that Republicans want to achieve as well, just the means of getting there are different, and I don't agree with how Sen. Hillary Clinton plans on reaching these goals," said Kyle Miller '08.

The College had never before hosted a former or

current president and to make things more difficult, the College Democrats only had 48 hours to organize the event.

Jon Rosenau '09, a student responsible for planning the event, said, "Everyone really came together and worked together in order to throw this amazing and historic event in less than forty-eight hours. Honestly, there was no question of whether we would like to host the ex-President. This was not only an amazing opportunity for College Democrats, but a historic occasion for the entire school."



Former President Bill Clinton was introduced to his audience by Ed Pawlowski, Mayor of Allentown.

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Five years at war: Iraq exit strategies

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Wed., Mar. 19 marked the fifth anniversary of the United States' invasion into Iraq. The College Democrats took it upon themselves to recognize this day by hosting a panel discussion entitled "Exit Strategy: 5 Years of War." The three panelists at the event were David Halperin, Michael Hoffman, and Brian Mello.

Halperin is currently the senior vice president for the Center for American Progress. He served as a speechwriter to President Bill Clinton and former presidential hopeful Howard Dean. Hoffman is the co-founder of Iraq Veterans Against the War, served in the original invasion into Iraq, and is a student here at the College. Mello is an assistant professor of political science at the College.

The discussion began with each panelist discussing their views on the United States leaving Iraq. The first panelist to speak was Mr. Halperin.

Halperin was adamant about the fact that there can-

not be an exit strategy without us, the people. While it is true that the administration is not listening to opposition to the war, Halperin pointed out that there has not been any outrage opposition seen.

The United States is inarguably in a terrible starting position to withdraw from Iraq, and any option to withdraw will most likely end in more suffering. But, as Halperin urged, "it is time for us as citizens to take action." There is no simply military solution to this problem; the country needs to resort to political reconciliation.

Hoffman was the next panelist to offer his opinion, and he gave a number of reasons as to why the United States needs to get out of Iraq. One of the most pressing issues is that the United States occupation is taking away from the legitimacy of any government system in Iraq. Hoffman said that he wants an actual date given for the country to exit Iraq, something that none of the current presidential candidates are offering.

This does not mean that Hoffman wants the United States to abandon Iraq in

any way, but the way in which are currently "helping" the country is not effective or efficient.

When asked about the interaction between Iraqis and American troops, Hoffman said it was one of the most difficult things to deal with. Soldiers were given no information or education about Iraq before the invasion and so did not understand that there are different ethnic groups and religions to be found in the country; not just one general type of Iraqi citizen.

Hoffman also touched upon the topic of media coverage of the war. The American news is willing to cover individual soldiers, but not masses of veterans. A recent example that Hoffman gave of such a thing happening was an event called Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan, which took place over the weekend of Mar. 14.

The four-day event brought together nearly 140 veterans, which is said to be the largest gathering of veterans to take a public stand against these wars. All of the veterans came prepared with personal stories that testified to the human costs

of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For such a landmark event, Hoffman said that almost no American news coverage was held, and the Associated Press actively chose not to cover the event. And in a time where many Americans have been brought to believe that not supporting the war is not supporting the troops, one of Hoffman's concluding remarks was, "Bringing us home is supporting us (troops), not encouraging funding."

Finally, Prof. Mello gave his ideas on the topic, which were highly focused on Foreign Policy of the United States. There is a disconnect between American citizens and their knowledge of foreign policy; most citizens only understand economic issues of foreign policy, and this had led to a real lag time in supporting the war and beginning to oppose it.

Mello expressed that the overall image of the United States has become solidly unfavorable, and the longer we are in Iraq the longer we allow Iran to steam through the region as a main U.S. opposition.




A major reason as to why

the United States has ended up in this position is because the Bush Administration failed to understand the history of Iraq and how de-institutionalized it had become. Even though Mello was favorable to finding an exit strategy he believes that there does need to be some form of security in Iraq. Ultimately, Mello would like to see how skillfully the country can connect different foreign policy concerns.

While the panelists may not have all agreed or had to same ideas as to how the United States should leave Iraq they did all seem to agree on one thing: the weight of the decision falls onto the shoulders of the Democrats. They have failed to vote in favor of cutting war funding costs, and have the most capability of anyone to end the war now.

Even though the forum was not intended to provide any solid answers to the issue at hand, seeing as there is no one simple solution, the knowledge that was shared by the three panelists certainly gave some more depth and perspective as to where the country stands five years later.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Showers	Rain/ Thunder	Few Showers
High: 58 Low: 48	High: 60 Low: 47	High: 56 Low: 40



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Commencement 2008 Speaker: Marian Wright Edelman



Marian Wright Edelman, Founder and President of the Children's Defense Fund, an organization which strives to ensure every child a *Healthy Start*, will be the speaker at the 2008 Commencement Ceremony. Edelman is a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School and served as Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University for two years. She has received over one hundred honorary degrees and many awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award. The College anticipates her participation in the Commencement Ceremony on May 18, 2008.

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OBAMA

FROM PAGE 1

time to wait. This is not for glory, but for what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called, "The fierce urgency of now."

He outlined his platform, beginning with health insurance and social security,

stating that no one in this country should be without proper healthcare. With his plan, no one will be excluded because of a pre-existing condition and if they cannot afford it, it will be subsidized. For those who cannot afford prescription medication, a negotiation for cheaper drugs will occur.

Obama believes that this should "be a healthcare system, not a disease care system."

As for his plan to improve America's education system, he believes that every student should have access to a well-rounded and comprehensive education from the very beginning. He wants to focus on more than standardized testing. He wants students to experience art, music, literature, and all those subjects that can help make students into good citizens. He is more concerned with America producing good people, than he is with good test scores. The test scores he'll take of course, but he wants more than numbers — he wants a cultivated personality.

As for those attending college, he wants to make it a privilege that every citizen can afford. As an incentive he wants to offer a four thousand dollar tuition credit to all students, every year. However, students will have to earn the credit through national or local service work, such as volunteering at a homeless shelter or joining the Peace Corp.

Amid the cheers from the numerous colleges represented at the speech (Muhlenberg, Cedar Crest, Lehigh, Lafayette and Moravian), Obama stated, "If you invest in America,

we will invest in you and together we will march this company forward."

His other plans to help the working and middle class families include tax breaks to middle class families as well as fair trade and support for all businesses, big and small. He believes that "if you work in this country you should not be poor," and is therefore going to do all in his power to maintain that ideal.

As for his views on the war in Iraq, he remains as opposed to it now as he was in 2002. According to him, the country has put ten million dollars a month into Iraq for the past six years. That money, he says, could be going back into our own country to rebuild railroads, roads, and the American infrastructure as a whole. According to Obama, by bolstering our economy we are helping our national security because then we can be strong in a crisis. By strengthening our own country, it may not be necessary to shatter another.

He believes that not only is it time to end this war, but the mindset that got us into it. He wants to make sure that 9/11 is used as a way to unite the country rather than a war excuse. He wants to create a sense of diplomacy with all world leaders. He wants America to be seen as a force that promotes peace and justice throughout the

world, rather than unnecessary violence.

He wants to bring our troops home, preferably within sixteen months of taking office. By withdrawing one to two brigades a month he hopes to have our entire forces home safely. But he will not stop there. He wants to make sure that the "tremendous strain" on our military families is lessened through the issue of their benefit checks as well as proper healthcare for veterans. "No more homeless veterans, no more post traumatic stress syndrome!" he said, to a wildly applauding crowd.

The crowd devoured his every word and if the noise level was any indication of the success of his speech, then he could certainly call this stop a successful one. Those in attendance and those who later caught the coverage on such channels as CBS, ABC, NBC, Fox News or CNN saw a man who is passionate about his beliefs and bringing change to a country that desperately needs it.

The impression one was left with was that of a hard-working politician who believes in the power of good judgment while asking the right questions. The Democratic nomination in the state of Pennsylvania will be decided on Apr. 22, when the primary votes are cast.



Students began lining up hours before doors opened to get as close as possible to Barack Obama.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE RITZO

Rediscovering Jacob Riis

By Kim O'Brien
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

A black-and-white photo of children attending school right next to a slaughterhouse. An image of immigrants crammed into crowded tenement housing for shelter to sleep.

This is just a brief sampling of the photography of Jacob Riis (1849-1914), the documentary photographer known for capturing the conditions of the urban poor living in New York slums during a peak time of European immigration.

Riis' work and life were topics of conversation at a lecture given by media scholar, Daniel Czitrom. The lecture was held Tues., Mar. 18 at 7 p.m. in Miller

Forum.

"There is no denying the residual power of these images," said Czitrom, a professor of history at Mount Holyoke College and author of renowned book *Media and the American Mind: From Morse to McLuhan*.

His most recent publication, *Rediscovering Jacob Riis: Exposure Journalism and Photography in Turn-of-the-Century New York* (co-authored by Czitrom and art historian Bonnie Yochelson), explores the life of journalist and social reform icon Riis.

"I was fascinated by his contradictions," said Czitrom of Riis. Riis' 1890 book, *How the Other Half Lives: Studies Among the Tenements of New York* is a

work that still receives mention in both art and history classrooms.

But Riis was by no means the objective journalist — and quite surprisingly, he held political conservative

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slums.*

views that sometimes clashed with the progressive qualities of his work.

"He was serious evangeli-

cal. A church deacon. A political conservative," Czitrom said. He noted that Riis was no stranger to criticism for his often racist views and political agenda. Riis promoted his images to "the philanthropist appeal of wealthy Christians," said Czitrom.

Czitrom displayed dozens of Riis' black-and-white images that earned the journalist his fame in documentary photography. A simple snapshot of a public schoolhouse next to a slaughterhouse highlighted the gross negligence of hygiene standards of the times.

Images of immigrants crammed into tenements to sleep for "5-cents-a-night" drew national attention to the desperate conditions of New York slums.

"Riis had a specific angle on the underscore of urban life," said Czitrom. Riis is not the first historical figure to be researched by Czitrom.

The author has written and co-authored numerous texts about history, and in 2005 was elected to the Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians (OAH). He has been named an OAH Distinguished Lecturer for 2006-2009.

He has co-authored historical dramas as well as held the title of consultant for numerous historical documentaries. His *Media and the American Mind: From Morse to McLuhan* (1982) received the American Historical Association's First Book Award.

Honorary Degree Recipients for Commencement 2008:

Barbara Crossette received a B.A. in history and political science from the College in 1963. She is a writer on foreign affairs and an author of several books on Asia. She was a *Times* chief correspondent in Southeast Asia and South Asia and has also reported for the *The Evening and Sunday Bulletin* in Philadelphia and *The Birmingham Post* in England.



Barbara Crossette

Sara (Sally) Gammon



Sally Gammon received a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from the University of Connecticut and an MBA from Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire. She has held the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, a multi-divisional post-acute healthcare system in Allentown, PA.

Reverend Lee Berry



Rev. Lee Berry received a B.A. in sociology from the College in 1968. He went on to receive a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. He works as both a pastor and airline transport pilot with 8,500 flying hours as mission-

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 1 - Found Property - An empty clear baggie was found on the first floor of Taylor Hall. There was not enough residue in the bag for Campus Safety to test for drugs.

Apr. 1 - Theft - A student's parking sticker was stolen from his car in the 23rd and Gordon Street parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to dust in the detector on the third floor of Prosser Hall. The fire alarm was replaced.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food at 2201 Chew Street.

Apr. 2 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower on the first floor of D Hall of East Hall.

Apr. 3 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to dust in the detector in the Plant Operations building.

Apr. 4 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - A student reported that they found their car with a 2 ft long scratch on the front hood in the Alpha Chi Omega sorority parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 5 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt popcorn on the fourth floor of Robertson Hall.

Apr. 5 - Liquor Law - Two students were found with underage consumption and possession of alcohol in the Martin Luther parking lot. They will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 5 - Vandalism - Two purple toilets were smashed outside of D Hall of East Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 6 - Liquor Law - A student was found with underage consumption of alcohol and possession of false identification at Liberty Street Tavern. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 6 - Liquor Law - Students were found with underage consumption of alcohol on the second floor of Benfer Hall. One student

was referred to the Judicial Process for providing alcohol to minors.

Apr. 6 - Vandalism - The windshield wipers were broken off of a student's vehicle parked in the Martin Luther parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 7 - Theft - An iPod was stolen from Memorial Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 7 - Institutional Vandalism - A student trashed the first and second floor hallways of Walz Hall with pizza boxes. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 7 - Vehicle Violation - A first year student was keeping an unregistered

vehicle on campus. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 7 - Motor Vehicle Accident - A faculty member hit another faculty member's vehicle in the 23rd and Gordon Street parking lot. There was minor damage to the back bumper.

Apr. 7 - Disorderly Conduct - A student wrote offensive words on a student's white board on the fourth floor of Martin Luther Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 7 - Vandalism to a Vehicle - A student reported damage to his car that was parked in the Martin Luther parking lot. There are no suspects at this time.

WEEKLY

Life!

"If we could see the miracle of a single flower clearly, our whole life would change."

- Buddha

A fine interview with *A Fine Frenzy*

By Alex Nagorski
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

My cell phone rings and I hear a very meek and humble voice on the other end. Fire haired and melodiously uplifting 23 year-old songstress Alison Sudol, better known as the woman behind indie music sensation *A Fine Frenzy*, greets me in such a way that you can hear the smile in her tone. Taking a break from preparing for her Boston show tonight, we chat for a little bit about Shakespeare, inspiration, and music.

AN: So first thing's first. Your name is Alison Sudol, yet you record under the name *A Fine Frenzy*. Why is that and how did you come up with it?

AS: It's because I wanted the music to have its own name and not have everything be so focused on me. That's basically why once I'm finished recording and producing a song, it's as much the listener's as it is my own - they have as much ownership over it as I do, so it's just a way of sharing it. The name itself comes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

AN: Oh really? That's so cool, I didn't know that!

AS: Yeah, it's a really beautiful quote that Theseus says: "the poet's eye, in a *fine frenzy* rolling, doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven, and as imagination bodies forth, the forms of things unknown, the poet's pen turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing a local habitation and a name." It's really an excellent quote.

AN: Yeah it really is. Your sound is clearly full of various influences, ranging from both classical and swing music to a whole slew of artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, Elton John, Radiohead, Joni Mitchell, Fiona Apple and Coldplay. Who would you say your biggest musical inspiration is and why?

AS: Ahh, I don't know I mean I think it really depends on the day, because some days Sigur Ros is the center of my universe and other

days it's Aretha Franklin or The Beatles or some classical piece. I mean, it just depends on my mood and I never know, which is why I like so many different kinds of things because you can have a different music for every mood.

AN: Yeah I totally agree with you on that. In the past year, not only have you released your debut album, but you've also toured with the likes of Rufus Wainwright and have been featured as a VH1 "You Oughta Know" artist. Your music has also appeared on television shows such as *Private Practice*, *One Tree Hill*, *Brothers & Sisters*, *House*, and *The Hills*, as well as on the soundtrack to the film *Dan In Real Life*. Now that you've embarked on your first headlining tour, how have you been handling all of this sudden success?

AS: Honestly things have been going incredibly well, but I think because I'm still working with basically the same people I have been the whole time, I just don't really feel that different. I'm getting to see more of the world all the time and meet more people and it just feels fantastic, but it just feels like a nice, gentle natural growth. Maybe I ought to feel different but I don't really feel like there's that much more to handle, so I'm kind of just rolling with it.

AN: On your official website, you are described as growing up having "developed a strong love for the fantastic literary worlds of CS Lewis, EB White, Lewis Carroll and Charles Dickens, while becoming a passionate author in her own right." Do you consider yourself solely a songwriter, or do you dabble in other fields of writing as well?

AS: Well songwriting is my passion, it's the thing that wakes me up in the morning and really drives me. On the other hand, I'm writing a book, a young adult book, and that's really just for my own peace of mind, it's relaxing to me. So maybe if I'm not inspired to write a song, I can work on that, it's kind of holding itself really well, but I'm primarily a songwriter. I just love to tell stories and I find them and sometimes I feel like I discover them and have to write them.

AN: What is the meaning behind your album title "One Cell In The Sea"? Also, what was the main goal you sought out to achieve with the release of this record?

AS: The name comes from the second track on the album, "The Minnow And The Trout," and the song is about being near people and how everybody is alike despite our small differences or situations and circumstances or whatever, because at the end of the day we're all connected. I felt very connected when writing this album because I knew I couldn't be the only one that felt the way that I did, or had gone through the things that I did. I mean it felt like I was but I knew that was not possible, so that's pretty much where it came from. Also, I was just really lonely and isolated and one cell in the sea is pretty much the most isolated as you can get. The main goal of the music was really just to give something to people that would make them feel sad or be able to acknowledge sadness in their lives, or maybe see things they weren't able to see or feel things they hadn't been able to access through music, and that's always been the basic goal for me.

AN: Your music is very intelligently and eloquently poetic and lyrical. In other words, you use a lot of vivid imagery to convey whatever it is you're trying to get across in each song. If you were asked to describe the underlying meaning or message of your record as a whole, what would that be and what inspired it?

AS: I suppose it's rediscovering the fairytale of life and applying a soundtrack to it, because I think there are so many wonderful, wild, and poetic things in the world that are very much like fairytales or things that are just greater than the ordinary day to day humdrums, and I think you can see that usually when you're looking at it from a child's point of view, so there's all that under the surface of my record.

AN: I read that you taught yourself how to play the piano. How long did it take you to do this and what kept you from giving up?

AS: It took me a long time, I feel like I'm still learning so much and

getting better and having a lot of limitations that I'm trying to get rid of, and always expand. The thing that kept me from giving up is song writing, I mean that's the thing that taught me to be able to play and write better songs. So whenever I got frustrated I would just continue to write, and no matter how terrible I was I would just work on it. When I was writing I would have to play the same thing over and over again to kind of work things out, and that was practice but it didn't feel like practice, it just kind of felt like working to solve a problem, so that's why it was easier for me not to give up, because I had a purpose.

AN: When you were in the learning process, did you ever think that one day you would be a singer/songwriter whose practically entire album would consist of piano arrangements you yourself had composed?

AS: No, no, not at all. I mean it took a few lessons with a songwriter named Joleen Bell when I was about 19, and she showed me how to arrange songs, keep rhythm, and how chords work. I remember her saying "you can't take lessons with me anymore, you have to finish this yourself." I told her I'm not looking to play piano live, I'm not looking to play any pieces or anything like that, I'm not really looking to do anything except to be able to write songs. I was terrified of playing live but then it just happened that way because the way that I sing really depends on the way I write my piano parts and no one else can play them the way that I do, so I just had to do it, I had to get better.

AN: On your MySpace page, you wrote a blog talking about the current state of the Hollywood industry and how destructive it is for those who succumb to it. Are you afraid that in the crazed, tabloid-obsessed world we live in that your personal life will overshadow your music?

AS: No, actually not at all. It actually hasn't even been involved in anything. In all the interviews and all the people that I've talked to, nobody really asks any questions about my personal life. It's been

What's your flavor: vanilla, chocolate or strawberry?

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kacmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE COLUMNISTS

Every guy has their preference: blonde, brunette, or redhead. Let the battle begin.

Brunettes Do It Better – Rachel's side: They say blondes have more fun, but how long does that fun really last? With a brunette you get the best of both worlds. As Usher says, "A lady in the street but a freak in the bed." In other words, you can take the brunette home to Mom. Really, how many jokes are there about brunettes being dumb and slutty? None.

Brunettes give off an air of sophistication and respect that you don't find in blondes. She also won't walk into your parents' house with her double D's spilling out over her shirt, and won't shamelessly flirt with you, your brother, and your dad. In front of your mother.

Think of all the hot celebrity brunettes that you've been crushing on since you were in high

school. Jessica Biel, Angelina Jolie, Catherine Zeta Jones, Kiera Knightly, the list goes on. We won't be your trophy wife; we'll find our own money- after we get a law degree and go to med school. This isn't to say that we're super serious and don't know how to have fun. In fact, we know how to kick back and have a beer with the guys while watching football.

Blondes Have More Fun – Alexis' side: Oh my god you guys, brunettes are like, totally boring and stuff. I hear they don't even put out on the first date. I mean, they won't even give a guy a nice-to-meet-you blow job. Ok, seriously though, blondes are not all like that. Especially us natural blondes.

Yes, I realize that there are millions of dumb blonde jokes which have to have originated somewhere, but for the most part, we do have a brain, we do keep our legs closed, and you can take

us home to meet your family.

In fact, grandparents love us. The thing about blondes is that we don't take ourselves seriously. At the end of the day, we're just as smart and witty as a brunette, maybe even more so because we feel the need to prove ourselves against the stereotype. We are well aware

that when a guy sees a blonde, his first instinct is to take her home for one night, while if a guy sees a brunette he intends to keep her around for the long run. But the truth is, we make good girlfriends.

In fact, I even hear a few of us are still virgins. Not all of us blondes are Jessica Simpsons or Britney Spears. We're Scarlett Johansons and Kate Bosworths and Cameron Diazes. We're independent and focused and goal-oriented. And, let's face it, smoking hot.

We guess we shouldn't leave out the redheads. You girls put up with a lot

ever since the term "fire-crotch" was put into circulation. But you also have the advantage of automatically seeming fun and quirky and even exotic in a way. Don't let Lindsay Lohan bring you down. Think of all the redheaded role models out there: Debra Messing and...um...wait, we know there's another one...Lucy! You love Lucy!

Seriously though, you have a one up on the rest of us. Redheads don't come along very often so when a guy sees one, he's intrigued. And let's face it- as much as every girl wants to become a redhead once in her life, only you natural ones can pull it off.

So there you have it- the battle of the hair. We know we left out all you purple and black and multi-colored haired people, but we had to stick to the basics. To make up for it, we'll leave you with a dumb blonde joke.

How does a blonde turn on the light after sex? She opens the car door. Get it? Cause they're whores!

LOVE
&
LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

IF YOU COULD BRING BACK ANY CANCELLED T.V.
SHOW WHAT WOULD IT BE?



"Anything early 90s, Nickelodeon definitely."
- Taylor Johnson, '10



"Ahmed and the Magical Bucket of Jihad."
- Hannah Mesovani, '11



"Fresh Prince of Bel Air."
- Patrick Rowan, '11



"Cardcaptor Sakura."
- Rebecca Scarborough, '10



"Invader Zim."
- Nicole Machrone, '11

AMC Weekend Listings



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Fri. 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Sat. 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Sun. 1:30, 4:10, 7:00

Horton Hears A Who!

Fri. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sat. 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Sun. 2:30, 4:40, 7:10

Leatherheads

Fri. 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:20, 10:00
Sun. 1:50, 4:30, 7:20

Nim's Island

Fri. 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 3:15, 5:10, 7:50

Prom Night (2008)

Fri. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
Sat. 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
Sun. 2:00, 4:20, 7:50

The Ruins (2008)

Fri. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sat. 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
Sun. 3:10, 5:20, 8:00

Superhero Movie

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The benefits of Yoga

By Michelle Colandrea
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Did you know that Muhlenberg offers its students a free, complete yoga class every Tuesday night? Class runs from 8:30 p.m. to about 9:40 p.m. and is held in the wrestling room in the Life Sports Center. All students are welcome and it does not require a weekly commitment or any past experience. Even if you're just the tiniest bit curious, head over to the gym this Tuesday and discover for yourself what all the hype is about!

To help shed some light on the practice and benefits of yoga, we consulted instructor Christi Rutkowski. She has been teaching yoga at the college level for four years now. She not only leads a class here at Muhlenberg, but instructs classes for all age levels and abilities throughout the Lehigh Valley. She shares some of her knowledge and experience with us below.

Briefly describe a typical Tuesday night yoga session.

CR: The lights are dimmed and relaxing music is playing. We begin each class with a brief philosophy discussion (for example, *mindfulness*) which we will practice through the duration of the class. Then we review our breathing (diaphragmatic). Most of class is postures. We

practice a variation of posture styles, ensuring a balanced variety. We end class with a relaxation and a meditation. Lots of laughter included!

What kind of health benefits would students receive by attending weekly classes?

CR: Every person is different in their needs when coming to class. That's the beauty of yoga! It is holistic, which helps you feel overall balanced and focused. Most students gain an increase in strength and flexibility, a decrease in stress levels and tension in the muscles, improved immune system functioning, and a feeling of mental clarity and peace.

Students with specific needs have been able to lower blood pressure, heal from emotional wounds, improve grades and overall success in classes, sleep better, improve relationships, embrace their spiritual beliefs, etc. Regular attendance is crucial to see lasting results.

How would students seeking weight loss benefit from yoga?

CR: By attending yoga at Muhlenberg, students looking to lose weight will learn how to listen to their bodies better, and judge when and what to eat. Yoga helps you learn to overcome stressful eating and unhealthy habits. Also, we do a lot of abdominal twisting and

stretching, which will improve digestive system functioning. Many of the stretches are designed to balance the endocrine system. Because hormones have a lot to do with body shape as well as emotional status, balancing them will achieve an overall improvement of physical and emotional well-being.

Would you be able to briefly describe the basic principles and origins of yoga for those who are unfamiliar with the practice?

CR: Yoga is a practice that goes back at least 7,000 years, pre-dating most modern religions and philosophies. Its goals were to answer the ultimate questions, "Who am I? Why am I here? What is my purpose?" In meditation, the masters of the past came to the conclusion that our natural state is happy, truthful and peaceful and that our purpose is to help each other heal so that we may all someday be who we are supposed to be. Yoga philosophy believes that we cause our own unhappiness through our unhealthy choices.

So, through practice, we can improve our physical, mental, and spiritual health, enabling us to be healthy enough to make good choices, helping, rather than hurting ourselves and each other.

A balanced practice of stretching, breathing, relaxation and medita-

tion practices, over time, coordinated with healthy diet and sleep patterns, will allow the practitioner to live life they want and to be the person they truly want to be!

Where can students go for more information on yoga?

CR: There are many books and DVDs out there. Pay attention when choosing these. Be sure the author has education and experience in yoga. Anytime you try a class or education material, like the internet, **USE YOUR INTUITION.** If it doesn't feel right, it's not for you. There are so many styles of yoga, there's one for everybody!

Do you have any closing advice for students?

CR: Embrace this time in your life! This is a time for discovery and self-transformation. It can also be terrifying and overwhelming. The best thing you can do for yourself is to establish an outlet for yourself, something you can turn to in times of stress that will help you stay grounded and balanced, like exercise, journaling, art or music, faith, meditation etc.

To find out more, you can email Christi at quietheartyyoga@hotmail.com or call her at 484-515-8356.

Better yet, come out to a Tuesday night yoga class and talk with her yourself!



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Political visitors enrich the College's history

By Diane Koch

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The recent visits to campus by former President Bill Clinton on March 19 and Senator Barack Obama on March 31, were exciting events for Muhlenberg College. Caught up in the lively race for the Democratic nomination for president, Clinton (campaigning for his wife Hillary), and Obama briefly put Muhlenberg at the center of the political campaign map.

This is not the first time that the College has been in the position of hosting national political figures. There are numerous articles, programs, and announcements in the library detailing various political visitors to the campus over the years. However, the recent excitement over the political visits also highlight some of the other visits to campus by prominent politicians.

The Clinton and Obama visits most brought to mind the campaign stop by Richard M. Nixon in October 1960. Nixon was nearing the end of his second term as Vice-President to Dwight D. Eisenhower, and was the Republican nominee for president in a close race against John F. Kennedy.

Nixon's visit to campus on Oct. 22, 1960 was just over two weeks before Election Day. Appearing with his wife, Pat, Nixon addressed a crowd of over 5,500 in Memorial Hall, with an additional ten thousand people seated in the stadium, where the speech was broadcast over loud speakers. Several of the issues Nixon raised in his speech are issues

in the current political campaign as well: financial aid for college students, medical care for the elderly, the minimum wage, and unsettling issues abroad – namely, dealing with Nikita Khrushchev, Fidel Castro, Cuba, and China.

According to the *Muhlenberg Weekly* accounts of Nixon's visit and speech, Nixon questioned Kennedy's judgment as Commander-in-chief, and urged voters "don't vote your party line. Consider the candidates, their experience, their background." In terms eerily similar to the current primary campaign, Nixon reduced the campaign to "experience vs. personality." (Ironically, with a view of Nixon's subsequent political career, the *Weekly* reported that Nixon was called "untrustworthy and sneaky" by his critics.)

Nixon's visit to campus was big news; but even so, it was reported on page 2 of the Oct. 27 *Weekly*. Meanwhile an imminent visit to Bethlehem by Kennedy received front page coverage. However Nixon had either swayed many of his listeners on campus or simply appeared in friendly territory: a straw ballot conducted at Muhlenberg less than a week before the election declared Nixon winning by a landslide. As we all know, the national election that year had a very different result.

Nixon wasn't the only sitting Vice President to visit Muhlenberg. In Sept. 1966 Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey visited the campus. His visit wasn't a campaign stop (though he would run for President in 1968 – against Nixon!). At the time of his

visit he was halfway through his tenure as VP to Lyndon B. Johnson. Humphrey was on campus to address the annual kick-off luncheon of the Lehigh County United Fund, held in the student union. In fact, on the day of his visit, students were banned from the union for security reasons, and had to eat elsewhere!

After the luncheon, Humphrey addressed students and faculty assembled on the lawn. Among the listeners were students protesting the Vietnam War. According to the *Weekly* report of his visit, the Vice President recognized the protestors as "citizens exercising their precious right to dissent."

While he stated "the daily prayer of your Vice President and your President is to end the war," he went on to urge ALL the students "to participate in getting peace in the slums and backcountry of OUR land."

The current primary campaign is historic in that it is the first time a female candidate is a serious contender for the presidential nomination. But there were other political firsts for women, and Muhlenberg has been host to some of the women with that honor.

In 1984, Geraldine Ferraro was the first woman vice presidential candidate on a national party ticket (running with democrat Walter Mondale). In 1990, Ferraro came to campus to address the graduating class and receive an honorary degree. In her speech to the graduates, Ferraro emphasized the importance of ethics in their personal and professional lives.

However, no doubt speaking from

her first-hand knowledge of the field, Ferraro stated: "Politics is perhaps the most important area to examine when discussing ethics."

Perhaps the most thrilling political visit over the years was the 1942 visit by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Though not an elected official, Roosevelt was closely involved with politics her entire life, and is credited with being the first First Lady to embrace the position and use its influence to advance social issues.

Her visit to Muhlenberg was in May 1942, when she attended the Muhlenberg Bicentennial Celebration. The alumni magazine article covering her visit effused "never before did anyone receive the kind of an ovation in Allentown that was accorded Mrs. Roosevelt... thousands thronged the campus for a glimpse of the wife of their President."

Mrs. Roosevelt was awarded an honorary degree, and praised as "a woman who has achieved distinction as a writer and speaker and as one who has devoted herself to education, sociology, women's affairs, and matters of public interest." It was hoped that President Roosevelt would accompany her to campus, but "war-time regulations and conditions requiring his presence at Washington" made a visit impossible.

Perhaps a "twofer" political visit is in the future? Maybe Bill will return with Hillary, or Barack with Michelle, or John with Cindy... When that happens, you can be sure that the details will end up in our archives for future generations.

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pretty music focused and I like it that way and I think people like it that way too. There's a lovely respect and kindness with the way that I've been treated and I hope to maintain that. I think you can choose to a degree how much that stuff affects you and how much you let your personal life come out. I'm not really that worried about it because it's not who I am, I'm not like that.

AN: And finally for my last question: Every liberal arts college is full of aspiring artists and musicians. What is the best advice you can give us Muhlenberg students about pursuing our dreams?

AS: My best advice, actually the only advice I can really give because it's such a personal thing, is be the best that you can be but don't get so lost into technicalities that you forget emotion. Have a purpose; really have something to say because I find that a lot of music gets made just to make music. I think to make a deep difference, which you have an opportunity to do in music (pretty unlike anything else really), give something, give yourself because that's the thing that differentiates you from anybody else because no one else can have your same exact opinion or viewpoint. It's the scariest thing to do, though it might not sound like it, but in reality it is the most threatening thing to do but it's the best.

Third Eye Blind at the 'Berg



Popular rock band Third Eye Blind performed on Sun., Apr. 6 in Memorial Hall for the college's annual Spring concert. Their set list included favorites such as "Jumper" and "Semi-Charmed Life" as well as songs off of their latest album.

PHOTO BY CHARLIE RITZO

Men's Lax breaks records despite tough week

By Matthew Howard
SPORTS EDITOR

The Men's Lacrosse Team ended a less-than-stellar two weeks by beating Franklin & Marshall 9-8 in triple overtime. The Mules split all four games during the stretch and remained at .500 with a 4-4 record.

On Sat. Mar. 26, the Mules visited nationally ranked Gettysburg. The Mules came into the game determined to complete the upset that they nearly pulled off against 8th ranked Washington. But it was the 2nd ranked Bullets who came out shooting. The Mules hung tough in the first quarter as it ended 2-2. Unfortunately, Gettysburg showed why they are ranked second nationally by putting up eight unanswered goals in the second quarter. The upset was not meant to be. At the end of the day, Gettysburg dismantled the Mules, 16-5.

On Wed. Mar. 26, the Mules visited Haverford and once again attempted to upset another nationally ranked team. The 8th ranked Fords came into the game with an impressive record 5-1, which they planned to improve upon. The Mules had other plans though. They hung tough with the heavily favored Fords as the score was knotted at 5 at halftime. Two minutes into the third quarter, freshman Brent Siebold netted a power-play goal to give the Mules their first lead of the game. The celebration didn't last long though as the Fords won the ensuing face-off and scored the tying goal only six seconds later. The lead would remain in Haverford's hands the rest of the game. Not even the first career hat trick from senior Mike Brown could prevent the Mules from losing 14-9. Muhlenberg's record dropped to a measly 2-4 and 0-3 in Conference play.

On Mar. 29, the Mules returned home to face the Swarthmore Garnet.

Returning home might seem like a welcome change for the Mules but, in this case, home has not been where the heart is. The Mules had not won a home game in nearly 2 years. Couple that with the fact that the Mules had never beaten the Garnet at home in their history, things didn't look too promising. But, led by senior Kyle Farris, the Mules were determined to end those futile streaks. Coming into the game, Farris was one goal behind the Muhlenberg career record of 76, set by alumnus Doug Cornwell. By the end of the day, all three notable statistics would fall.

Farris recorded a hat trick to raise his career goal total to 78 while raising his career point total to 95. Fellow senior, Mickey Norton tallied 3 points to bring his career total to 105, only 1 point shy of the Muhlenberg record. Sophomore Sean Delany scored his first career goal as the Mules ran away with a 15-5 victory. In addition to ending both futile streaks, the 10-goal margin was the biggest of any intra-conference victory in Muhlenberg history. It truly was a record-breaking day.

One week later on Apr. 5, the Mules visited Franklin & Marshall. The match would turn out to be a true test of endurance, one in which the Mules prevailed. Norton broke the all-time Muhlenberg point record, in style. His 5 assists not only pushed the career scoring record to 110, but also tied the school record for most assists in a game. The Mules held an 8-3 lead in the fourth quarter, but the Diplomats scored the final 5 goals of the game, including the tying one with only 4 seconds left in regulation. After two highly contested overtimes, the score remained tied. 1:07 into the third overtime, Farris scored the winning goal and gave the Mules their first back-to-back intra-conference wins ever.

Jayhawks ride Chalmers' trey, beat tigers in OT for national title

By Zach Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Kansas looked dead in the water, as the Jayhawks trailed the Memphis Tigers by nine with 2:12 to play. Yet, after multiple trips to

the line which is resulted in a barrage of misses, Kansas took advantage. They cut the lead to two, and after another trip to the line resulted for one out of two for the Tigers, the Jayhawks responded to knot it up at 63 with a three pointer coming from Mario Chalmers, sending the game into overtime. It was the shot that broke the Tigers' will, it was clear in their body language.

What transpired over the next five minutes in overtime were driven, motivated Jayhawks that saw the finish line in sight, and made sure to finish, defeating the Tigers 75-68. But the shot of Chalmers will be seen as the defining shot, and will go down in Kansas and NCAA Tournament lore.

Although the 2008 version of the NCAA National Championship Game was definitely fun and exciting for most, it was obviously clear that there were still some upset players from the Memphis bench. The media have already started labeling the loss as a major choke job, and it's hard not to blame them. Up nine points with 2:12 left to play should, as Coach John Calipari would agree in an interview, be able to win the game. And yet, missed free throws, mental errors, and the loss of big man Joey Dorsey due to fouling out, cost the Tigers a chance to go 39-1 and a national championship. It was also clear that after Chalmers hit the three-ball to send it into overtime, it was over. Freshman phenom Derrick Rose and mega-star Chris Douglas-Roberts were completely gassed physically. Even if they could have mustered up some strength, momentum was completely against them. The one thing that can be said is this: the Memphis Tigers were a great team, and competed with another great team in Kansas for 40 minutes and they were even. They won 38 games, lost only two, and are the national runners up. How many people thought they would go that far? Even if they did "choke," they still delivered the fans a heck of a basketball game, one that proved that Kansas is the national champion of college basketball because of the will to win at the end.

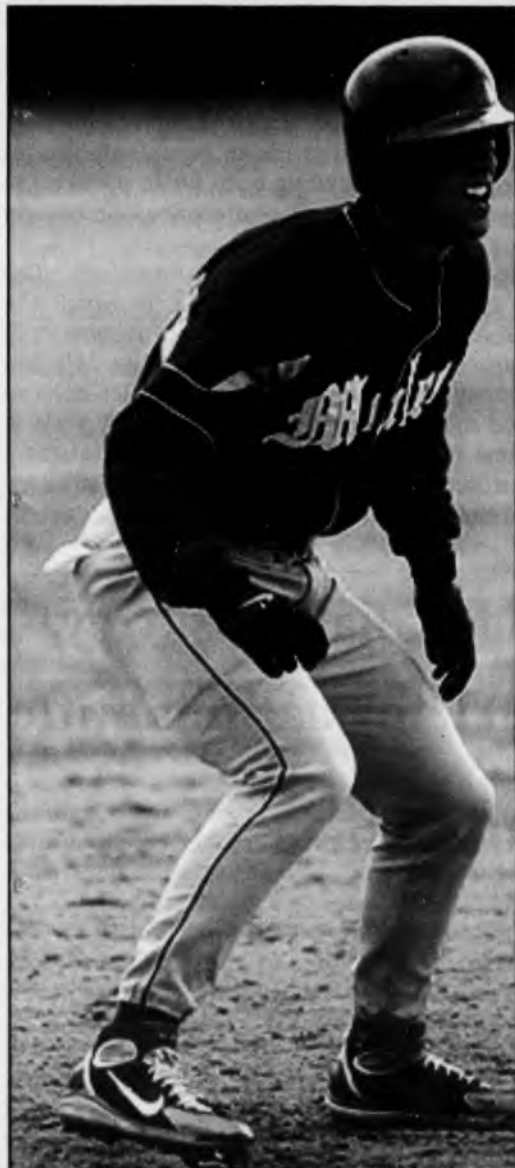
Chalmers, a junior from Anchorage, Alaska, earned the Most Outstanding Player Award as he scored 18 points, including the game-tying trey at the end of regulation. Another key player who also should have been considered for M.O.P. is Darrell Arthur, who recorded a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Point Guard Brandon Rush also contributed 12 points and 2 assists. Douglas-Roberts and Rose were the leading scorers for Memphis, scoring 22 and 18 points respectively. Kansas held Joey Dorsey to 6 points and 2 rebounds, which was most likely another factor in why Kansas was able to keep the Tigers at bay, as the Jayhawks held a 37-27 rebounding edge. Kansas also hit 14 of 15 free throws, while Memphis was 12-19. The three pointer that sent the game into over time was only the third made by the Jayhawks all game.



Senior Mickey Norton was named Centennial Conference player of the week.

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Muhlenberg Baseball wins a tough one against Johns Hopkins



By Hannah Woodward
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Muhlenberg enjoyed a victory over the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays with an 8-5 win this past Sunday in the second game of a Centennial Conference doubleheader. Before this game the Blue Jays were ranked ninth in Division III by D3Baseball.com and twenty-first by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Junior Matthew Ordog, pitched into the ninth inning, allowing only ten hits from the Blue Jays, and holding them under seven runs for the first time this season.

Ordog, whose longest game was previously only five innings, came close to pitching a full nine innings when he gave up an infield single and a walk in the ninth inning. At that point Ordog was replaced with junior Joseph Barrese, who struck out the last Hopkins hitter in four pitches to end the game.

Hits from junior Edward Risener, junior John Kalis, senior Joe Carlo, freshman Bobby Spindler, and junior Christian Conti broke the record of the Hopkins pitcher, who prior to this game had allowed only four earned runs all season.

Muhlenberg's first run of the game scored on an infield error, and Edward Risener hit a single which tied the game at 2-2 in the first inning.

After Risener's hit, John Kalis hit a triple right field, which resulted in another two runs. Joe Carlo's RBI groundout brought the score to 5-2 in the end of the first inning. A sacrifice fly for Kalis and another from Bobby Spindler were two of the three run-scoring outs by Muhlenberg in the game. Kalis also scored Muhlenberg's final run with a triple in the fifth inning. Chris Conti also scored in this game, hitting a home run in the fourth inning.

Junior Christian Conti (left) was named Centennial Conference player of the week, for the second time. Junior John Kalis (right) hit a two RBI triple against Johns Hopkins.

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The road ahead

Baseball

Fri. Apr. 11 vs. Swarthmore 3:30

Sat. Apr. 12 at Gettysburg 12:30 (doubleheader)

Men's Lacrosse

Sat. Apr. 12 vs. McDaniel 1:30

Wed. Apr. 16 vs. FDU-Florham 7:00

Women's Lacrosse

Sat. Apr. 12 at Swarthmore 1:00

Thu. Apr. 17 at York 4:00

Softball

Sat. Apr. 12 vs. Haverford 1:00

Tue. Apr. 15 at Cabrini 3:30

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Mules move into the great outdoors

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In their first outdoor meet of the season, the Muhlenberg Track and Field Teams set the bar high.

Competing in the Millersville Invitational, the men's team finished in second place while the women finished in third. The men earned 155 points, second only to Millersville's 184. Junior David Chorney took first place in the 5000 m run, losing his shoe in the process. Sophomore Brendan Kirk won the 110 m hurdles and also ran as part of the first-place 4x400 relay team with teammates Bobby Torphy '11, Bill Ryan '10, and Patrick Thornton '10.

Other first-place finishers for the men's team was junior Timothy Van Syckle, sophomore Jeremiah Lachaud, and senior Adam Carter.

For the women's side, the team collected 110 points. With an ECAC-qualifying time of 52.40, the 4x100 m relay team including Lindsay Weidmann '11, Amanda Martini '09, Emily Karel '08, and Alex Faust '10 took first. Faust also qualified in the pole vault with 10-6, placing second. Sophomore Lauren Conicella won the 1500 m, and junior Lucy Brock won the 100 m hurdles.

Sat., Apr. 5, it was the Mules' turn to host a meet of their own. At the Muhlenberg Invitational, 18 schools competed, making it the biggest meet hosted by Muhlenberg. Once

again, Chorney and Van Syckle turned in first-place finishes. Senior Michael Karchner had an ECAC-qualifying performance in the long jump with a distance of 21-4. Torphy won the 800 m for the Mules.

Sophomore Debra Crockett won the shot put for the women's team. Crockett placed second in the discus, coming close to the school record with a mark of 115-3.

The Bucknell Outdoor Classic is coming up for the Mules on Sat., Apr. 12.

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Memorial Hall



Sophomore Caitlin Heffern was runner-up in the javelin throw at the Millersville Invitational.

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Mules Tennis muscles past the competition



Junior Mark Apostolos has been very versatile for the Mules this year.

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By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY SPORTS WRITER

Both Muhlenberg tennis teams enjoyed a very successful past few weeks. Since Mar. 26, the Men's Tennis Team has played their way to a 4-1 record while the Women's Team has gone a remarkable 4-0 since Mar. 25.

The Men shutout Ursinus 9-0 on the strength of sophomore Johathan Farber who won his first career top-paired doubles match. On Mar. 29, the Mules split their matches between Johns Hopkins and Goucher. Despite being swept by nationally ranked Johns Hopkins, they prevailed 8-1 against Goucher. On Thur. Apr. 3, the Mules scratched out a victory against Moravian, barely winning with a score of 5-4. On Sun. Apr. 9, the Mules picked up their second Conference victory as they disposed of McDaniel, 8-1.

The Women's Team won all four of their matches in convincing fashion. On Mar. 25, the Mules swept Bryn Mawr 9-0 behind freshman Lindsey Schmidt's first intra-conference singles victory. The Mules then disposed of their next three opponents with a combined 24-3 record. Dickinson, Gettysburg and McDaniel were no match for the Muhlenberg women, who significantly outplayed them.



Freshman Danielle Winston has been mowing down the competition this year.

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Women's Lax continues winning ways and gains confidence

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Wed., Mar. 19, Women's Lacrosse took to the field against Dickinson. Senior Taylor Armstrong had a show-stopping performance against the Red Devils, but it was not enough to carry her team to victory. Just two points shy of the school record, Armstrong finished the game with a whopping nine points (four goals and five assists), and junior Sara Hiller along with sophomore Danielle Scarrone added two goals each. Unfortunately, the Mules fell by a score of 18-12.

Next up for the team was a match-up with Ursinus on Sat., Mar. 22. The Mules have never beaten the Bears, but they came into the game as if they were never told that discouraging statistic. Winning 13-8, the Mules played an excellent defensive game as they picked up their first Centennial Conference win of 2008. Sophomore Alyssa Bascelli opened the scoring with a goal, and the Mules went into halftime with a 5-3 lead. Bascelli ended the game with a career-high four goals, and freshman Rachael Goldstein contributed three goals and three ground balls.

Gaining momentum, the Mules faced a resilient Drew team. After crushing their opponent in the first half, ending it with a 9-point cushion, the Mules found themselves with a comfortable lead, or so they thought. Opening the second half, the Rangers



Senior Marissa Capuano has been giving defenders a hard time this year.

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found the back of the net seven straight times, bringing the score to 11-9. Thankfully, Hiller scored a goal of her own to bring the Mules a sense of relief, and they went on to win the game 18-11. Sophomore Amanda McGovern scored four goals in the game, Armstrong had a team-high six points, and junior Ruth Morrongiello tallied five total points.

Taking on Haverford as their next victim, the Mules continued their high-scoring ways, winning the game 20-9. Armstrong again had a strong game, contributing three goals and four assists. Morrongiello had four goals and two assists, and McGovern scored a hat trick. Also making her mark was freshman Christine Van Hise, who scored her first career goal.

Wed., Apr. 2, the team found their momentum screech to a halt. Franklin & Marshall, the defending national champion, beat the Mules in a tough game 18-4. Freshman Allisyn Vachon made a career-high 15 saves in goal.

Sat., Apr. 5, the Mules took to the road once again to play Washington. The game was close, but perhaps shouldn't have been. Like the game against Drew, the Mules let a lead slip away only to pull off the victory by a small margin. The final score was 15-13. Armstrong finished with a career-high seven assists and one goal. Morrongiello also had a big day, scoring four goals and adding seven draw controls.

Next up for the Mules is a game at Swarthmore at 1:00 p.m. on Sat., Apr. 12.



A breath of fresh air Surveying the future

By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

Former Senator Mike Gravel, and current Libertarian candidate for U.S. President, paid a visit to the College on Thurs., Apr. 10. His visit was hosted by the Gay Straight Alliance, and he took the opportunity to speak to students of the College and members of the surrounding community about key points of his campaign platform.

Known best for throwing a rock into the water during a campaign commercial, Gravel's past political credentials include: serving in the Alaska House of Representatives from 1963-1966, and as Speaker from 1965-1966; he represented Alaska in the U.S. Senate from 1969-1981. During his years in the Senate Gravel served on the Finance, Interior, and Environmental and Public Works committees, chairing the Energy, Water Resources, Buildings and Grounds, and

Switzerland's system of direct Democracy is something that Gravel would not mind seeing develop in the United States.

Environmental Pollution subcommittees. The former Senator is most well known for risking his career when he released the Pentagon Papers, the secret official study that revealed the lies and manipulations of successive U.S. administrations that misled the country into the Vietnam War.

His legislative accomplishments include: The Alaska Pipeline, Cannikin Nuclear Tests, "The Peaceful Atom," Peacetime Draft, The Pentagon Papers, Law of the Sea, and Native Claims Settlement Act to name a few.

Gravel began the forum by speaking to the audience about the relationship between Iran and the United States, his ideas for solar power and wind power as opposed to nuclear power, and explaining that the answer to all of the country's major problems today is not

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Former Senator Mike Gravel informed the audience about some of his unique ideas for the future of the United States.

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By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

On Apr. 4 Dr. Borick, Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Institute of Public Opinion, along with students from the College distributed a survey to Democratic voters in the Pennsylvania area asking what they thought about the upcoming Democratic primary election. The survey was distributed via telephone and voters were asked who they were planning to vote for and what issues they felt were important in determining the Democratic candidate. Four hundred likely Pennsylvania Democratic voters completed this survey and Borick determined that Hillary Clinton held a ten point lead over Barack Obama.

Borick has conducted over 150 public opinion surveys in the past decade. His survey results have appeared in many newspapers like *The New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* and on many major television networks like CNN and Fox News. He has also published over twenty articles and three books about public policy and public opinion. As the Director of the College's Institute of Public Opinion, he works with a number of trained institute personnel, to provide

research and analysis that can aid government, media, and research organizations.

The primary election survey is especially valuable because Borick believes that this upcoming primary election is a very important race that "will go a long way in determining the Democratic nomination." He explains that Clinton needs the PA vote so that she can make a strong case to the Superdelegates that she deserves the nomination more than Obama. Borick says, "Pennsylvania has not played an important role in the pri-

mary in many years. I believe we will look back at this race as one of the most interesting campaigns in modern history."

Borick believes that Obama's recent statements about voters in small town PA may have ruined his chances of winning the state. Obama, referring to working-class voters in old industrial towns decimated by job losses, said that "They get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations." Obama later apologized for this statement saying that "If I worded things in a way that made people offended, I deeply regret that."

The survey that Borick dispensed suggests that these statements may have given Clinton an advantage, although things could change quickly before the election on Tues., Apr. 22.

Borick believes that this upcoming primary election is a very important race that "will go a long way in determining the Democratic nomination."

Borick hopes that the importance of the PA primary election will encourage more people to vote. "This is one of the most important races in recent history. There are two strong candidates with interesting plans and ideas for the future of the nation. It would be

a shame to miss out on the opportunity to be involved in this type of historic event," says Borick.

Borick believes that the recent visits from Obama and former President Bill Clinton will persuade more students to participate in the election. "There seems to be a great deal of energy on campus for this race and I believe a large number of students will make it to the polls," says Borick. Hopefully, because of these recent visits, students have realized the power they have in determining who represents the Democratic Party.

THE MUHLENBERG WEEKLY

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Signed, Yours Truly

We were shocked to read the special edition of the Advocate last Friday night that exposed the current trouble Student Council happened to be in. Aware of the situation, we had planned on writing an article about it and informing the campus, but it seems the Advocate beat us to it. While journalism can be a race, we feel that even though we were not the ones to drop the article, we did come out on top.

Employing ethical journalism, we investigated the whole story. Our news editors were thorough and respectful and dug for the entire story, rather than launch an all-out attack on Council. The cardinal rule in journalism is to tell the truth, and we feel that we did. We went to both sides and obtained information. We spoke directly to sources. We emailed the administration and took our cues from them. We were told to give the administration and Council some time to discuss the problem, so we did. We waited for the fuller story – we waited for all parts of the truth to come out.

We do not judge the Advocate for wanting to release the story as soon as they got wind of it; we do judge them for their faulty journalism. They forgot about the ethics that rule our profession. Their article was merely an attack on Council, that may have been warranted if there had been facts to back up those unsigned opinions. They cast Council, Dean Green and Chris Jachimowicz in an extremely harsh light, without proof other than "former and current members of Student Council corroborated on [their] story."

Their writing was concise and effective. The message was clear and biased, as an editorial should be, but this was so much more than an editorial. This was news, news that the campus only got a fraction of, until now. Even if the story is less scandalous this way, it is still the whole story. It still gives an adequate explanation from all sides. It is still fair and balanced reporting. It is journalism as it was always meant to be.

We have done our job as it should be done, so we are proud of our article, our integrity and our staff – for printing all the truth that's too good to post online.

Letters to the Editor

It is now common knowledge that the Student Council conducted, what has been for the group a time of reflection and gratitude, a ceremony called, "Pass the Gavel," at the conclusion of its formal meeting on the evening of Mar. 27, 2008. The members of Council felt that such a ceremony is appropriate in acknowledging the work of its members throughout the previous year. What has become increasingly clear to members of Student Council since that date is that we have much more to do if we are to serve the student body of Muhlenberg College more accurately and effectively.

We acknowledge now that there were some poor decisions made that evening as we struggled with the emotions of seeing old friends depart. We reflected on times both good and bad, and "mended fences" that were broken during the spirited debates in our meetings. We were surprised and unprepared for the reaction of both the administration and the students to our actions; we find that we have new fences to mend with our constituents as well as with our partners in governance, the administration and the Board of Trustees.

Some feel that we are being given special treatment because we are Student Council. In fact, we have been held to an even higher standard of accountability. Under the governing documents of the College's Board of Trustees, College administration may establish regulations by which the Student Council will operate as the College sees fit. The College's choice to pursue this line of action (as supported by the Trustee's Campus Life Committee) provided a significant "wake up call" to Student Council. We are uncomfortable with the regulations and embarrassed to find ourselves in this situation. Some of us still don't understand how we got here.

Nonetheless, we need to move on.

We need to be doing a better job of staying in touch with our constituents. One of the regulations the Council is currently working on is the establishment of a committee to review the structure and operation of the organization. That committee will include faculty and administration, as well as students from outside of Council. We hope to either prove that our current structure is effective or adopt changes to the structure that will increase effectiveness.

The Student Council advisor fits prominently in the regulations imposed. Our hope now is **SEE COUNCIL | PAGE 3**

Council regrets conduct

Council Criticisms

By Brian Galgano
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

As one of Student Council's most outspoken critics, I have closely followed the actions and at times lack of action by our student government over the past four years. I have publicly criticized our student government in an OP/ED dated last Feb. entitled, "Council Falling Short of Achieving Goals." I consider myself to be an informed critic of this organization due to my regular attendance at meetings and committee sessions, drafting resolutions, and continuous advocating on behalf of issues that matter on this campus.

It deeply disappoints me when students on this campus complain about an issue without proper facts and information. The Muhlenberg Advocate's unsigned editorial is an example of such criticism with its false assumptions and intermingling of fact and fiction. Although one

could certainly argue that Student Council used poor judgment at the "Pass the Gavel" event, the charges of corrupt behavior are inaccurate and inflammatory; not to mention, parts of the original editorial have in fact been rewritten and edited. Despite the poor judgment used that night, this should not be turned into a broader indictment or denunciation of student government at Muhlenberg.

I have always asserted that Student Council is a prestigious organization that can wield a strong influence with its ability to be the student voice to the administration and Board of Trustees. It is a privilege that any member of this campus can choose to join. Over my four years there have been countless elections in which students have run unopposed or positions have remained vacant. If a student has ever been upset or discouraged by the actions of their elected leaders, the option to seek election and make

change has always been there. Perhaps more importantly, even without holding an elected position, the ability to make changes to benefit the students on this campus is still available.

I have been attending Student Council meetings for four years and have felt both welcomed and listened to. Unfortunately, I have been one of the few non-elected members of this College advocating for change during meetings. Non-elected students rarely attend Student Council meetings and Student Body Association meetings are also rarely attended. The non-elected student has been given a chance to express issues, concerns, and suggestions repeatedly (in fact once a week on Thursday nights), yet students don't seem to care enough to make that effort.

It is very easy to criticize, but to take initiative and help facilitate that change is much more difficult to do and requires the commitment

of time and energy. There should never be an excuse to not take an initiative on your own if you are passionate about it. This being said, to criticize and smear an organization for its lack of participation or progress should not be done without either a) reaching out to a member of that organization and expressing your concern, b) writing a formal letter to the organization, or c) becoming a member of that organization and helping to initiate change.

The most disheartening criticism of Student Council I continuously hear is that "they don't do anything." I personally feel the organization is at a point where it is accomplishing the tasks asked of them. Unless students become more involved by expressing their concerns and asking for specific changes it is difficult for an organization to address these unknown

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Defining failure



World News & Politics

Joe Caporoso
WEEKLY COLUMNIST

Various historians have claimed that George W. Bush's presidency will go down as one of the worst. A recent poll by the History News Network asked one hundred and nine professional historians to rank his presidency as a success or failure. Ninety eight percent characterized it as a failure, while sixty one percent ranked him as the worst president ever. Ouch.

How do you define failure for George W. Bush and is that an accu-

rate characterization of his eight years in office?

Bush didn't pay enough attention to the evidence about the dangers of Osama Bin Laden before September 11. Yet, both the Clinton and Bush administration deserve blame for ignoring the mounting evidence presented by the CIA. After the attacks, Bush invaded Afghanistan but instead chose to make Iraq the primary front for the war, dedicating more troops to the preemptive war he declared in Iraq.

Bush told America we needed to invade Iraq because we were in danger of them attacking us with weapons of mass destruction, except in reality there were no weapons. Bush told America that Saddam Hussein and Iraq had a connection to September 11, but in reality there was no connection. Bush should have looked for a connection with his best buddies in Saudi Arabia, where fifteen of the nineteen hijackers came from.

In reality, the primary two reasons we invaded Iraq were incorrect. If you want to claim we invaded them because of the human rights abuses suffered by their people, then why not invade the Sudan or Saudi Arabia? Regardless, we invaded Iraq

and within months Bush was declaring "Mission Accomplished." Unfortunately, nobody told the President how complicated a true victory in Iraq would be. Maybe he should have taken a time machine to 1992 and listened to Dick Cheney, who had things to say about war with Iraq then, when defending Bush's father's decision not to remove Saddam from power:

"The question in my mind is how many additional American casualties is Saddam worth? And the answer is not very damned many. So I think we got it right, both when we decided to expel him from Kuwait, but also when the President made the decision that we'd achieved our objectives and we were not going to go get bogged down in the problems of trying to take over and govern Iraq."

I guess Cheney forgets things in his old age and Bush just wasn't paying attention in 1992. They both seemed to forget that you can't just invade and destroy a whole country; you have to be responsible for putting it back together. The task of getting three warring ethnic sects to bond together and run a government when they have fought their entire lives against each other isn't a very

easy one.

So where are we today because of the war in Iraq? Iraq remains a mess, with most people lacking electricity and most do not feel safe in their own country. The new government we installed attempted to put down an uprising, yet had to fire one thousand three hundred soldiers for incompetence or refusing to fight. Thousands of Americans and Iraqis are dead. Our newest rival, Iran, has used the power vacuum created by Saddam's downfall to increase their influence and strength in the region. Al-Qaeda has begun appearing in Iraq, and other terrorist organizations have used the war and the torturing of Muslim prisoners as a way to expand their membership. America has lost credibility internationally and is now facing a long, painful occupation of a nation that we know nothing about. The cost of the war is estimated at three trillion dollars.

Meanwhile, at home, the economy is on the verge of a recession, millions remain without healthcare, no solution for social security was reached, immigration remains a problem, and the President illegally wiretapped citizens. I think an F is just about right for these 8 years.

COUNCIL | FROM PAGE 2 to work with him in rebuilding the reputation of Council among students and administration. He may be a good bridge to understanding the expectations of administration and explaining how to develop a more professional and effective way to get student concerns addressed.

Our first step in repairing our relationship with the Board of Trustees will occur when the Student Body President and the Immediate Past President discuss these issues and concerns at the meeting of the Trustee's Campus Life Committee on Apr. 24. We are privileged to have access to the highest level of governance in the institution and want to be sure that we understand their expectations as well.

Finally, we ask for the support of the student body in improving your Council. There are times when we feel that no one appreciates the efforts of the students who meet every week to debate the issues of concern to students. We need to hear from you. We need to know what is of greatest concern to you today and in the future. We'll be reaching out to you for your thoughts and ideas and we ask that you respond. We now have a better understanding of the important role we play in serving the students, and we intend to honor that in all we do from this point forward.

Respectfully Submitted,
Muhlenberg College Student Council

CRITICISM | FROM PAGE 2 concerns. I feel the student body in general has a sense of apathy when it comes to articulating the need for change. The underlying problem is that most students are quick to voice a complaint, but not willing to pursue the issue with either the administration or appropriate student organization.

In these next couple of weeks much discussion will ensue on what steps Student Council can take to make it more effective in representing the needs of all students. While I feel that during this time many positive ideas will emerge, it is important that we look ahead and work together to make student government work the way all envision it should. If you're still upset at how you are being represented, I challenge you to take the steps to run in the next election. Better yet I challenge you to attend the next Student Council meeting and represent yourself so that your issues, concerns, and suggestions may be heard.

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Speaker

Survivor...Are YOU Game?

By Jana Elfenbein
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

Survivor started in China, and then headed to the Australian Outback, and next to Thailand, and now to Muhlenberg? Watch out Mark Burnett, Matthew Pearson, a current sophomore from Connecticut, is creating his own version of Survivor which will take place this summer at the College.

He decided to oversee this idea because it was always a dream of his to initiate a challenge-like game show for students on this campus to compete in. "Since the community is so small, the chance is you're going to know several of the players," said Pearson.

The game will consist of sixteen students who will be separated into two tribes and compete not only against the other team, but

also against one another to be named Muhlenberg's sole Survivor.

Pearson has created Muhlenberg Survivor to be very similar to the popular television show on television; however, he states, "Unlike the CBS version, the tribes will not be forced to find food and shelter. Each tribe will be living in a large tent, the only challenge being they have to set it up themselves."

As for the food, it will be distributed at the beginning of the game and it then becomes the tribe's responsibility to ration it.

The game will take place over a two week time period during the summer where everyday counts since a member is voted off at the conclusion of each day. Pearson has planned the event so that the first week primarily deals with one

tribe versus the other tribe.

The challenges will test both the physical and mental capabilities of each tribe member and how well they can work as a team.

The second week of chal-

The game will take place over a two week time period during the summer where everyday counts since a member is voted off each day.

lenges encompasses challenges that deal with the knowledge the players have learned during the first week. While the first week has challenges that deal with teamwork and how well each player can work with their other tribe mem-

ber.

The second week is about the individual player and how he/she can defeat his/her opponents by using what he/she has learned about their competitors to his/her advantage during both the physical and mental immunity games.

Just like the real show on CBS, there is a grand prize of one thousand dollars. One thousand dollars for two weeks equates to five hundred dollars a week or seventy-one dollars and forty-three cents a day -- if you win! It definitely is much better than waiting tables at T.G.I. Fridays.

Even if you are not the winner, reward prizes for smaller challenges consist of beneficial items for the team such as blankets to help keep them warm at night and hand-fans to serve as a way for the tribe members to stay cool during the blister-

ing summer days.

If you are interested in participating in this innovative, stimulating game the recruiting process is now, so you are in luck! There is a facebook group, "Survivor Muhlenberg...Are you Game?" where one is able to nominate himself/herself or a friend. Auditions will be held from now until the end of the school year so there is still time.

The final product of this ground-breaking experience will air at the beginning of the fall semester and the first episode will be shown in the Red Doors or on the lawn.

Those details as well as whether or not the rest of the episodes will be aired on MCTV or on YouTube are still being figured out at the moment, but one question on everybody's mind is: Who is Muhlenberg's sole survivor?

Paul Flores: spoken word slam poet



On Tues., Apr. 15 Paul Flores gave a performance in the Red Door where students gathered in an intimate setting. Flores is a nationally renowned spoken word artist from San Francisco and has been featured on *HBO Def Poetry Jam*. Flores also wrote the bilingual theatre piece: *Representa!*

Tues. night's performance focused on immigration rights and the 2008 presidential election. Central themes of his work also include border experience and Latino identity. The event was sponsored by Campus Progress, College Democrats, Comunidad Latina, and Student Activities - Arts Week.

Flores has performed at over one-hundred high schools and universities across the country. Some of his international performances include: the National Hip-Hop Festival in Havana, Cuba and the America Libre Hip-Hop Festival in Mexico City.

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Fourth honorary degree recipient at Commencement

Judy Shepard is the mother of Matthew Shepard, who was murdered at the age of 21 due to a gay hate crime. Since then, Judy and her husband, Dennis, have used this tragedy as an opportunity to help others by establishing the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

This foundation is dedicated to working towards causes such as social justice, diversity awareness and education, and equality for gay lesbian bisexual and transgender people. These are all causes that Matthew fought for during his life. Mrs. Shepard is the Executive

Director of this foundation and also travels across the nation to speak to audiences about what they can do to prevent hate crimes.

She has spoken to over one million young people about the power of understanding each other's differences and how our words and actions affect other people.

The College is honored to have such an empowering individual attend the 2008 Commencement Ceremony in conjunction with the other three honorary degree recipients.

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GRAVEL

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representative government; rather, the power lies within the American people. If the people are empowered, and take on the responsibility of becoming the law makers of the nation, that is when the United States will begin to see

itself improve, and he has no reservations about the American people being qualified for this kind of action. Switzerland's system of direct Democracy is something that Gravel would not mind seeing develop in the U.S.

When Michael Hoffman, a student at the College, expressed doubts of a Direct Democracy being possible with such a large population during the question and answer session, Gravel

seemed to think that the "awesome" technology of today would in fact be sufficient for such a transformation.

After briefing these issues and his positions on them Gravel opened up the forum to a question and answer session because he felt that discussing what the people wanted to hear and know about would be the most efficient way of talking about his campaign.

Some of the questions asked

from the audience allowed Gravel to discuss his ideas and plans about the military industrial complex, a methodology that he is strictly opposed to, but insists Senators Clinton and Obama are for; reducing the carbon footprint of the United States by initiating legislation to tax carbon at the source and

cap carbon emissions; his support for same sex marriage and opposition to the Defense of Marriage Act, expressing that marriage "is a commitment by two human beings in love," and "what this world needs is more love."

All of former Senator Gravel's plans for the United States can be read about in his book *Citizen Power: A Mandate for Change*. With Gravel's idea to "let the people decide" the American

public will have the opportunity to provide an affordable, quality Healthcare Security System for all Americans, bring sanity to the country's national priorities, instead of spending more on national defense than all the rest of the world put together, and deal fairly with immigration and trade policies. More information on Gravel's platform can be found on his website at www.gravel2008.us.

The former Senator is most well known for risking his career when he released the Pentagon Papers, the secret official study that revealed the lies and manipulations of successive U.S. administrations that misled the country into the Vietnam War.



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
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Student Council moves forward after many accusations involving "Pass the Gavel"

By Meredith Clinton and
Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITORS

As most of the Student Body already knows by now, regulations have been imposed on Student Council due to the "Pass the Gavel" event that took place the night of Mar. 27 and went into the morning of Mar. 28.

While this matter was intended to be handled with discretion amongst Student Council officers and Class Presidents, the memorandum was leaked to students not involved with this issue.

When members of The Advocate received this information, an unsigned editorial was sent to the entire Student Body. "Individuals outside the original group who received the memo have jumped to conclusions and based it on second and third hand information," said Karen Green, Dean of Students.

Even though the memorandum does say that the "Pass the Gavel" event was "not authorized or regis-

tered" but that the College has decided that "a certain amount of respect be afforded the organization given its standing in the community," The Advocate wrote that "Student Council is escaping punishment."

Dean Green commented

that "just because

The Advocate calls for more punishment, I don't feel that we need to do anything more to detract from Council

moving forward. The Advocate's letter to the community exacerbates an already complex and emotional situation."

Some of the regulations enacted by the Board of Trustees and the College Administration include: an annually required leadership

and governance retreat organized by the Student Council Advisor, a required leadership agreement contract outlining expected ethics and behavior of Student Council members, and a required attendance at all Student Council meetings by the Student Council Advisor.

The Advocate acknowledges that these regulations are valid but believes that this will not fix the "massive disconnect between the Student Body and Student Council."

In response to this statement, Dean Green said, "I would not use the words 'massive disconnect,' but I have heard from students that they feel like outsiders and that they are not always sure of Student Council fully representing their voice." While sitting with Student Council members at the most recent elections, she noticed that many students passed right by the

table without thinking twice. Clearly, students feel that there is a separation between themselves and Student Council, but the reason for this distance can not be solely placed upon Student Council.

It is very likely that the recent events could serve as

a starting point in strengthening the relationship between Student Council and the Student Body. "The new executive board has already begun working on how they feel they should move forward from this point," said Dean Green.

"Just because The Advocate calls for more punishment, I don't feel that we need to do anything more to detract from Council moving forward."

- Karen Green, Dean of Students



Student Council members at a Student Body meeting that was held earlier this semester.

PHOTO BY EIRINN DISBROW

Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 8 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to cooking at 2201 Chew Street.

Apr. 9 - Theft - A pair of sunglasses was stolen from the weight room in the Life Sports Center. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 9 - Hit and Run - A student reported that the rear bumper of her car was hit in the 400 block of N. 23rd Street.

Apr. 9 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt chicken at 2333 Liberty Street.

Apr. 10 - Sick Student - A sick student was found on the second floor of Martin Luther Hall. She declined transportation to the hospital but the Health Center was contacted.

Apr. 10 - Institutional

Vandalism - The thermostat was broken in the basement of 2201 Chew Street. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 10 - Theft - Clothes were stolen from the dryer in the laundry room of Walz Hall. The clothes were reported to have been in the dryer for two days prior to the theft. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 10 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to steam from the shower at 432 Albright Street.

Apr. 10 - Injured Student - A student injured his knee while playing basketball in the field house of the Life Sports Center. He was transported to the hospital.

Apr. 12 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm was set off due to steam from microwave popcorn on the

second floor of Robertson Hall.

Apr. 12 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - There was excessive trashing on the fourth floor of Martin Luther Hall. Posters were ripped down, paint was peeled, and a pink liquid was spilled all over the walls. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 12 - Disorderly Conduct - Campus Safety received a report that two students were fighting in the GQ. They arrived right after the two males had fled the area. During the fight a GQ employee was pushed to the floor and had to be transported to the hospital. There are no suspects at this time but if anyone has any information on this incident, please contact Campus Safety.

Apr. 12 - Liquor Law - A

student was seen throwing a bottle into the bushes on the 400 block of N. 23rd Street. He arrested by the Allentown Police Department for violating the open container ordinance.

Apr. 12 - Residential Policy - A student set off fireworks from the 3rd floor balcony of Benfer Hall. He was referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 12 - Theft - The flag was stolen from the flag pole in the front lawn. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 12 - Suspicious Activity - A professor reported finding pornography on a computer in the basement of Moyer Hall. Campus Safety is in the process of investigating this incident.

Apr. 12 - Institutional

Vandalism - A Residential Advisor reported finding blue finger paint on the wall outside of the men's bathroom on the third floor of C Hall of East Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 14 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food in the microwave on the second floor of Taylor Hall.

Apr. 14 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a dirty detector on the first floor of D Hall of East Hall.

Apr. 14 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to burnt food in Building #2 of The Village.

Apr. 14 - Injured Student - A student tripped and fell in the Village parking lot and hurt his wrist. He was transported to the hospital.

WEEKLY

Life!

"Life is to be lived. If you have to support yourself, you had bloody well better find some way that is going to be interesting. And you don't do that by sitting around wondering about yourself."

- Katherine Hepburn

The Tenth Annual Henry Awards

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Oh, the Henry Awards: a time for students, faculty, and staff to dress up to the nines for the event of the season. No matter how you feel about the Awards themselves, no one can deny how enjoyable it is to get out of those sweats and slip on those heels.

Everyone likes a cocktail, or in this case, punch. Cocktail hour kicked off the evening, but in not such a delightful way, as guests were packed into the hallway of the Life Sports Center. It makes for an interesting sport when starving college students all have their eyes on a cheese platter that is at the other end of the hallway. The hor d'ouevres were delicious, and the cocktail hour set the mood for a classy evening. And of course, it was fun to "Oooo" and "ahhhh" over friends' sparkly dresses and fancy updo's.

When the doors did finally open, everyone was ushered into what used to be Memorial Hall. For the

occasion, the gym was dressed up as well, with tables set on the floor and anxious nominees socializing with one another. However, those who were left to sit in the bleachers probably did feel like they were in a gym, but maybe that's a sacrifice they had to be willing to make.

The lights dimmed, the spotlight shined, and the show began. The hosts stepped out onstage, and it took off from there. It almost seemed like one of the award shows on TV. Even one of the winner's speech was cut off by music. The winner of the night, however, had to be Celia Kam, who works in the Garden Room. Celia's acceptance speech was quite possibly the most adorable and endearing moment of the evening, as she stood a good five feet away from the microphone while explaining why she loves this school.

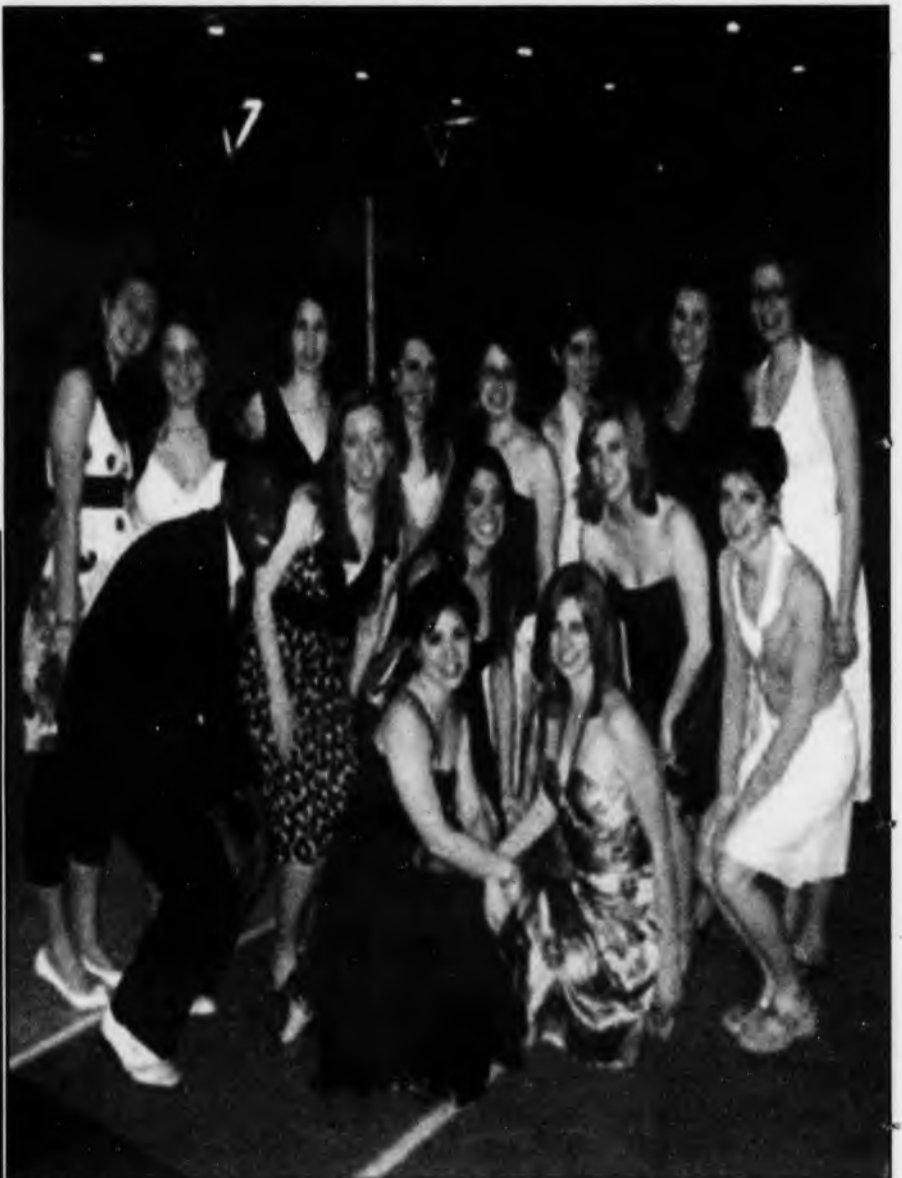
Each performance group took turns on stage, which is always a nice break from award presentations. Not that the presentations were not worthwhile, it was just nice to break them up with a toe-

tapping a cappella tune or an exciting Soul Sound Stepper routine. The show was well-balanced, and while the lack of acceptance speeches was a bit disappointing, it did keep the night moving.

Overall, the Henry Awards provided good food, good friends, and a good time. The nominees all deserved to be recognized for their hard work and dedication, and the Henrys were just the place to reward

their services and admirable contributions to the College. It is a great opportunity to celebrate not only those who won, but everyone who participated, including performers and everyone behind-the-scenes.

So, get working on those community service projects. Start working on that novel you've always wanted to write. Who knows, maybe next year you will find yourself on stage accepting a coveted Henry.



Students enjoyed the spectacle of the Henry Awards.

Top: The Soul Sound Steppers, posing for a group shot.

Left: Girls from Phi Sigma Sigma, celebrating Liz Stillman's best Greek Female Leader win.

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I love you, I hate you, take off your pants

By Rachel Grinenko and
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WEEKLY LIFE COLUMNISTS

For the most part, breaking up sucks. And also, for the most part, making up is great. There is one thing that can make both of these situations slightly more fun. And that, of course, is sex.

Let's start off with make-up sex. You and your luva have a quarrel. A luva's quarrel if you will. You think you see him flirting with a girl when you have your back turned at the bar, and yelling ensues.

He's defensive, you're crying, and people are staring. You spend the cab ride home in complete silence, and when you get to your house, you immediately stomp up the stairs and slam your door.

You contemplate locking it and making him sleep on the couch, but you secretly want him to come apologize, or, depending on how drunk you are, you want to continue fighting.

So he comes up the

stairs, swings open the door, and you can see in his eyes that he is about to apologize just to appease you.

But your long island iced tea rage bubbles over and you start screaming at him, bringing up fights from the past that have no real significance anymore.

"YOU DON'T REALLY LOVE ME!"

"YOU THINK HER BOOBS ARE BIGGER THAN MINE!"

"I SAW YOU CHECKING OUT THAT TOWNIE!"

Meanwhile, your boyfriend is standing there with his jaw on the floor, amazed that you're actually still talking. In a brief moment between screams, you take a breath, look your boyfriend in the eyes, and realize how incredibly turned on you're making yourself.

Your boyfriend looks back at you, realizes what is going on, and at the same time you both say, "I'm sorry, baby," and charge towards each other,

each ripping off your own clothes to save time.

He picks you up, pins you against the wall, and make-up sex ensues. It's good. Really good. Like, we should fight more often good.

When the two of you are done, you lie in bed on the verge of falling asleep.

You run your fingers through his hair and say, "Baby, let's never fight again." Meanwhile, he's fully intending to buy you some more

long island iced teas the next night.

Now while we realize this may not be the most healthy way to solve an argument (although it burns the most calories), it is a quick and easy fix to stupid, pointless drunken fights. Plus, you both get something out of it. The big O! And who doesn't love the big O?

Cut to two months later. You and the boyfriend break up. Turns out he was looking at that townie. He

comes to get his stuff which you have thrown into boxes and kicked around the room.

You know, that sweat-shirt he gave you on your second date when you were cold, and his phone charger that has been taking up a perfectly good outlet in your room.

He rings the bell and you flip your hair, pull down your shirt a little bit, and check if there's anything in your teeth. Once you're looking good enough to make him regret dropping your fine ass, you open the door and let him in.

He looks good too but you don't let him know that. You tell him the boxes are too heavy for you to carry downstairs so he has to go upstairs to your room and get them himself.

You follow him up to your room, clearly taking your last glances of his butt in those Diesel jeans you love--loved--so much. Once upstairs, you both look at the boxes, look at

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE BOOK AS A CHILD?



"The Jelly Postman."
-Sara Beitman '10



"Sideways Stories From Wayside School."
- Peter Smith '10



"Goodnight Moon."
- Mike Liss '10



"The Cat in the Hat."
- Scott Feeley '10



"Matilda."
- Hannah Brown '10

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Smart People

Fri. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
Sat. 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
Sun. 1:30, 5:30, 7:45

Horton Hears A Who!

Fri. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sat. 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
Sun. 2:30, 4:45, 7:10

Leatherheads

Fri. 4:50, 7:15, 9:50
Sat. 4:50, 7:15, 9:50
Sun. 1:50, 4:50, 7:15

Nim's Island

Fri. 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
Sat. 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
Sun. 3:15, 5:00, 9:20

Prom Night (2008)

Fri. 8:00, 9:40, 10:10
Sat. 8:00, 9:40, 10:10
Sun. 2:00, 8:00, 9:40

The Ruins (2008)

Fri. 5:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sat. 5:20, 7:30, 10:20
Sun. 3:10, 5:20, 7:30

Superhero Movie

Fri. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Sat. 5:20, 7:30, 9:40
Sun. 3:00, 5:20, 7:30

Street Kings

Fri. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sat. 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
Sun. 3:00, 4:30, 7:00

Leona Lewis' "Spirit" Guarantees Her Success

By Alex Nagorski
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Throughout music history, the United Kingdom has been one of the primary producers of many of the most successful and talented artists of all time – The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Clash, The Spice Girls, and, more recently, musicians such as Natasha Bedingfield and Mika.

Enter Leona Lewis, America's hottest new U.K. import, who has shot right up to the top of the British Invasion list.

And she belongs there, given that major publications such as Harper's Bazaar, Vogue, People Magazine, and Entertainment Weekly have all already dubbed her as one of the "hottest stars of 2008."

Back in the day before Mariah Carey discovered hip hop collaborations and still actually sang (a skill she clearly no longer utilizes judging by her current single "Touch My Body" and pitiful new album "E=Mc2") she was a remarkable talent. Remember her early hits such as "Always Be My Baby" or "Emotions?"

It is songs such as these that could very easily have been from the same recording session as Lewis' debut album "Spirit," the fastest selling British debut of all time, which was released this side of the pond on Apr.

Everything from the trademark soaring vocals to the R&B infused pop sound make up this exquisite album. Lewis doesn't even pretend to deny the inspiration, as the photo on her album cover is practically a replica of the cover of Carey's self-titled 1990 debut.

Perhaps the similarities and successful path Mariah took was the premise for the decision of music giants Clive Davis and Simon Cowell to team up for the very first time to work on the creation of "Spirit."

Lewis' lead single, "Bleeding Love," the UK's best selling song of 2007 and the current #1 song on the United World Chart, has been in the Top 10 Billboard chart for the past seven weeks in a row. It peaked at #1, falling slightly back only due to entrances by fellow multi-platinum divas Madonna, and ironically, Carey.

This was the first time that a British female solo artist hit the top spot on the American charts in over twenty years (the last time being Kim Wilde's 1987 mega-hit "You Keep Me Hangin' On").

Written by Ryan Tedder of 2007's breakout band OneRepublic, "Bleeding Love" is a mid-tempo track about a woman knowing she is in an emotionally abusive relationship, but is unable to leave because she is too much in love.

Even though you can hear it on

every radio station in the country at least once every half hour, it is still refreshing simply because of how different it sounds from the rest of today's mainstream pop.

As quickly as "Bleeding Love" took off, so will many other tracks on the record. Songs such as "Better In Time," "Take A Bow," "Forgive Me," and "Angel" are all guaranteed hits, with the words "radio smash" written all over them. In fact, it is hard to believe that "Spirit" is Leona's first record, as it sounds like it could very easily be a greatest hits album rather than a debut. Seriously, I'm not kidding, the songs are *that* good.

One of the standout tracks on the record is "Misses Glass," one of two newly recorded songs exclusively for the U.S. release of the album (the other is the Akon-produced "Forgive Me"). Despite its somber and cliché lyrics, the song is insanely catchy, as it was conjured from a recipe that provides the perfect amounts of pop, rock, and R&B all in one.

In other words, you can both grab your hair brush and sing into it like a microphone, or flip it around and play it like a guitar. Either way, this song will get you on your feet and moving.

Like any reality TV singing contest winner (Leona won season three of the U.K. series *The X Factor*), she packs her album with quite a few

ballads to show off her incredible voice, range, and belting ability. Big numbers such as "I Will Be" and "Here I Am" allow her gorgeous voice to send chills down the spines of listeners.

This is particularly the case with her flawless rendition of Roberta Flack's 1972 #1 smash "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face."

Not only does she completely trump the original, but she also outshines every other vocalist who has ever attempted to sing this song. And, yes, I am taking Celine Dion's version into account.

The tricky thing about breaking into America is that once you've hit the mainstream market, it's hard to stay there. So many famous British artists have made it here, but are never heard from again after their hit single is no longer in rotation (Robbie Williams, anyone?).

This, however, is far from the fate that will await Leona Lewis. Already a household name, this new international icon is not going anywhere anytime soon.

Judging by the impeccable debut album, "Spirit," the only place you will find her in the years to come will be at the very top of the charts.

For complete and more exclusive interviews and album reviews by Alex Nagorski, go to his official website at <http://headphoneinfatuation.blogspot.com>.

Around Allentown: Lunch at Spooner's Cafe

By Peter Bennet
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Located on the corner of North Fountain Street and West Hamilton Street is Spooners Café. But its name is deceiving, because it is not only a cafe, it is also a deli.

This spacious eatery is open from 7am to 4pm during the week and serves standard deli cuisine such as salads, daily soups, and sandwiches in addition to the coffee and tea that draw a steady stream of customers.

Because of its early hours, Spooners also offers a menu that includes various breakfast options like bagels, muffins, eggs, fruit, oatmeal and wraps for those of us who are up early enough.

For those who aren't up for breakfast, Spooners provides an ideal set-

ting for lunch. The lunch menu not only includes amazing deli sandwiches, but delightful soups as well as fresh salads, wraps and paninis. The options range from rubens to the vegetarian-friendly roasted vegetable sandwich.

Aside from the generous and varied menu options to choose from, the decor of the cafe is just as pleasing. The inside boasts walls of white painted bricks in the front to go with the rust and pale-blue colored walls found in the deli end. French posters and original art hang on these walls while acoustic music softly plays in the background.

But the thing that is most noticeable is the abundance of wood—wood ceiling, wood floor, and wood tables. And on these wood tables include a checker-board print and

with the checkers found in the cigar boxes, it adds a convenient excuse to hang around Spooners.

The lunchtime crowd consists mostly of business workers who are usually dining off of the lunchtime menu on those delightful, unique homemade dishes, from the BLT salad to the roasted vegetable sandwich.

Most sandwiches are priced at \$6.95 while their salads range from \$5.59-\$7.95. All meals are homemade and prepared without flare and fanfare, as well as being right within a college budget.

Their specialty is their soups, and the options (and taste) don't disappoint. Daily soups include French onion, jailhouse chili, tomato with rice and West African peanut soup.

It's only \$2.50 for a cup, \$3.25 for a bowl.

The one drawback to the Spooners experience is lack fountain sodas, only bottled soda, tea and water.

To finish off your meal, Spooners offers generously sized freshly baked cookies, muffins and brownies priced at \$1.75.

One way to tell how good a deli is to try their Reuben sandwich. The sloppier it is, the better the deli is. And Spooners' Reuben sandwich fell apart after only one bite, which only confirms the obvious quality of this café.

So next time you want soup or a sandwich, skip Panera Bread and try Spooners Café in downtown Allentown for a more cozy, relaxed lunch.

Gossip Guru:

All the news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
WEEKLY LIFE COLUMNIST

Britney Spears Update:

Britney Spears was involved in a small car accident on Saturday evening, while driving on the 405 freeway. Britney was in the car with her bodyguard and rear ended the car in front of her, who progressed to hit the car in front of them. It is reported that a sobriety test was performed on Britney, and that she did in fact pass it. No one was hurt in the collision.

Couple News:

Singers Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz are engaged. The couple, who became engaged last week, has dodged pregnancy rumors ever since confirming their engagement. Various media outlets have stated that Ashlee is expecting, causing her fiancée Wentz to release a statement to MTV via email. In the email Wentz said, "There is a witch hunt for people to be pregnant whenever they get engaged in Hollywood. This is all news to me. I can't wait for the story about how I'm really in a gay relationship and this is all just a cover... I mean really, this is crazy... I mean we're engaged, that's true, and happy about it."

Madonna and husband Guy Ritchie have dodged divorce rumors for some time now. In what seemed to be an effort to show that they are still together, Madonna discussed a diet her husband went on that caused them to stop having sex. She said, "My husband went on that

cookie diet and it was such a turn-off because he didn't want to have sex. He's not on it anymore, thank god!"

Current Events:

MTV star of "The Hills," Heidi Montag, has released her own fashion line. The reality TV star's line is called Heidiwood, and is priced significantly lower than Lauren Conrad's upscale line.

Child star, Jodie Sweetin, who played Stephanie Tanner on "Full House" gave birth to her first child this past Saturday. The baby's name is Zoie, and weighed 8lbs. 7oz. This is the first child for Sweetin and her husband Cody Herpin.

Disney has announced that they are currently writing a "High school Musical 4." They confirmed the plans for the fourth installment, but they also confirmed that they are unsure if any of the original cast will join this film.

Actor Rob Lowe and his wife have been involved in drama with an ex-nanny. Lowe claimed that the nanny blackmailed him and his wife for 1.5 million dollars for false claims. Yet, the nanny, Jessica Gibson, 24, filed a lawsuit on Monday. In this lawsuit Gibson claimed that Lowe exposed himself to her, as well as touched her inappropriately.

Lowe claims that Gibson is a disgruntled employee as he claims these allegations are false, and that when she left them she actually emailed thanking him and his wife, and telling them how important they were to her.

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each other, and give the standard, "Well, I guess this is it."

He steps forward and you embrace in an awkward hug, with your elbows sticking out and bodies not even close to touching. When you pull away from the hug, you catch each others' eye and he accidentally grazes your chest with his arm. It feels nice.

You raise an eyebrow and give him a once over. This is all it takes. He grabs you, you grab him, you end up back against that wall. You hate him so much but it feels so good. You keep telling yourself

that this is the last time and you don't have feelings for him anymore.

Since you have literally just broken up, there obviously are still some feelings left, which can become tricky if you and your ex continue to sleep together.

You have to find the line between just sex and holding on to the past sex. Or, just don't do it. It may seem like a good idea at the time, but there's a reason you guys broke up.

So make-up sex and break up sex. Two very different things but both equally satisfying. With a dab of complication.

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Softball caught in a drought

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

In a doubleheader loss against Moravian, the Mules Softball Team lost the games, but found their swing. The Mules dropped the games by scores of 7-5 and 4-3, but their offense was impressive. In the first game, freshman Ashley Brewer had five RBIs and three doubles, and classmate Jess Kasza hit her first career home run in the fourth inning.

Moravian is a tough team with a record of 19-5, but the Mules were able to keep up with them in both games. In game number two, the Mules made it interesting at the end of the game, scoring three runs. In the second game, junior RiRi Ferrigno and sophomore Allie Saltstein each had two hits, and junior Samantha Crist had two singles and crossed the plate twice in the first game.

Continuing their tough stretch, the Mules faced the Haverford Fords and put another tally in the loss column. Caught in a 10-game losing streak, the Mules lost in their home doubleheader by scores of 8-0 and 3-0. Saltstein hit two of the Mules' eight total singles.

The Softball Team plays tonight against Messiah in a road game at 3:30 p.m., and again against McDaniel on Sat. at 1:00 p.m.



Freshman Ashley Brewer found her swing in the doubleheader against Moravian.

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Tennis ups and downs

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Men's Tennis Team found their momentum screech to a halt. The Washington (Md.) Shoremen beat the Mules 8-1, with sophomore Robbie Goldwein notching the only win at No. 1 singles.

The Mules bounced back, though, in a match against Franklin & Marshall. In a close competition, the Mules came out on top 5-4. Junior Brian Wernick won by a score of 7-5 to capture the victory for his team. Freshman Wayne Mitchel and senior Jamie Goldman won 8-0 at No. 3 doubles. They also won their singles matches.

For the Women's Team, wins have been more difficult to come by as of late. Swarthmore snapped the Mules' six-match winning streak, 5-4. Freshmen Caitie Druker and Sara Sutker won as a combo in doubles and also won their singles matches.

The Mules were unfortunately unable to start a new winning streak in their next match against Salisbury. Losing 6-3, Druker won her match at No. 1 singles.

Coasting on a four-game winning streak, the



Junior Brian Wernick has a 6-5 record so far this season.

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Sports Schedule

Men's Tennis

Sat. Apr. 19 vs. Gettysburg at 12:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Fri. Apr. 18 vs. Washington at 4:00 p.m.

Baseball

Fri., Apr. 18 vs. Ursinus at 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 19 at McDaniel at 12:30 p.m.

Men's Golf

Thurs., Apr. 17 Susquehanna Invitational

Men's Lacrosse

Sat., Apr. 19 vs. Montclair State at 7:00 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

Thurs., Apr. 17 at York at 4:00 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 19 vs. McDaniel at 1:00 p.m.,

Softball

Thurs. Apr. 17 vs. Messiah at 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Apr. 19 vs. McDaniel at 1:00 p.m.

Sun., Apr. 20 at Susquehanna at 1:00 p.m.

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Sat., Apr. 19 Greyhound Invitational (Moravian)



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Baseball on a winning streak

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Fri., Apr. 11, Muhlenberg Baseball looked to sweep Swarthmore for the season, and did just that. With help from freshman Clint Lynch's first career home run, the Mules came out victorious with a score of 8-2. A good portion of those runs, however, came on Garnet mistakes.

Senior Joe Carlo and freshman Bobby Spindler each drove in runs with singles. Junior Edward Risener went 3-for-5 with two RBI singles, and junior John Kalis finished the day with three hits. Junior Eric Hammond pitched in three stolen bases. On the mound, freshman Kevin Witmier and senior Paul Faith combined in a strong pitching effort to lead the Mules to victory.

Sat., Apr. 15, the Mules took Gettysburg, twice. For the first matchup, sophomore Phil Cresta threw a complete-game shutout, and didn't tire himself in the process since he only needed 62 pitches.

As for the offense, the Mules chipped away a lead, one run at a time. Two of their four total runs came on

suicide squeeze bunts by Hammond. Junior Christian Conti scored two runs as well, and junior John Kalis hit a single to mark his 100th career hit.

The second half of the doubleheader seemed to feature two brand new teams, as offense took center stage. The Mules had a six-run second inning to start the ball rolling, and they added to it with a four-run fifth. Once again, the Mules capitalized on their opponents' errors.

Risener had four RBIs, making his total for the season 43, but remains just behind Conti to take over the school record that used to be 41. But, Risener did tie the school record for sacrifice flies in a single season with six so far.

Junior pitcher Joseph Barrese earned the save for the Mules, capping off the doubleheader with another win. Hammond and sophomore Dan Fisher highlighted the offense, as Hammond went 3-for-5 and Fisher finished 3-for-4.

Coming up for Muhlenberg Baseball is a game Fri., Apr. 18 vs. Ursinus at 3:30 p.m., and a game against McDaniel at 12:30p.m. the following day.



Junior Joseph Barrese got the save against Gettysburg.

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2008 NFL Draft looks to be weaker than most

By Zack Gugenheim
WEEKLY SPORTS COLUMNIST

With the NFL draft a week and a half away, football fans are beginning to prepare themselves for the new wave of players that they will be cheering for in the fall. In fact, by this fall, there could be an impact player starting his first game that could change the landscape of the league. That's been the M.O. the past few years, that you can get future pro-bowlers and superstars that will take the league by storm within a few weeks. In my estimation, however, that seems like it is about to change, for at least this year. In looking at the draft, there are few players that catch my eye as key pieces to an NFL team, unlike in years past where players like Adrian Peterson, Reggie Bush, Matt Leinart, Philip Rivers, and other highly-coveted players were sure bets to take the league by storm. That being said, let's look at the most mentioned players in this year's draft.

Everybody knows that the most important position in the NFL is the quarterback position because he directs the offense. Consensus no. 1 quarterback Matt Ryan is a good signal caller. He has a good arm, won with below-average receivers, and even had a flair for the dramatic with a come-from-behind win at Virginia Tech. He is a great leader and has a great head on his shoulders. He's also not a top-15 pick, let alone a top-3 pick as many mock drafts have him (which would put him with the Atlanta Falcons).

In fact, if this were the 2004 NFL draft, he would be behind Eli Manning, Philip Rivers, and Ben Roethlisberger. Why? His accuracy is hardly superior, and he commits too many turnovers, throwing an astounding 19. He also played in a weak ACC, which makes those 19 interceptions look even worse. When he played the Michigan State Spartans (tied for seventh-place in the Big Ten last year), he looked less than thrilling, completing a mediocre 22 of 47 passes against one of the worst defenses against the pass. He's certainly a first round quarterback, but he is not good enough to be considered in the top 3.

Another big name in this year's draft is defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey from LSU. He is the best player coming out of school this year... when he's healthy. Unfortunately, that doesn't occur often. He was injured for much of this year and last year, and he certainly isn't the same player that he is when he is 100 percent. But there have been too many players in the past few years who have enormous potential but end up fizzling out due to injury.

Running back Darren McFadden has also been a trendy pick as the best player in the draft, with his breakaway speed and adequate strength. However, I wonder if he can survive in a league in which it's difficult to run around the defenders. Most of his big runs happen to always be on the outside, and not through the middle. He is also incredibly thin in his legs, which could be a

huge problem considering he is a running back. He most likely will not be able to take a lot of big hits because of his more upright-running style, which will either decrease his amount of touches, making him more of a role player, or it means he will end up leaving football much earlier.

The three safest picks in the draft are most likely offensive tackle Jake Long (Michigan) and defensive ends Chris Long (Virginia) and Vernon Gholston (Ohio State). With Miami on the clock with the first pick, and I had to use the pick, I would take Jake Long. He's not an Orlando Pace, complete pro-bowler pick, but who is in this draft? He is the safest pick, and will be a franchise left tackle for 10 years, which is something that the Dolphins need. But if I could, I would trade the pick. Heck, if I had a pick in the top 5, I would trade the pick. Chris Long is the only other player that doesn't have serious question marks in this draft, while Gholston (who is the best athlete in this draft) is incredibly active in some games (he was the only pass rusher to gain a sack on Jake Long this season), and distinctly quiet in others. His athleticism is the only reason why he is a "safer" pick.

There are other players that we could talk about, but the talk would be the same: the draft is weak this year, and the few players that do jump off the board have a much greater risk/reward than ever before. Other than those few, this draft is average at best.

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Women's Lacrosse striving for playoffs

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Women's Lacrosse Team is on a roll, and the players have almost grasped their first Centennial Conference playoff berth.

Taking on Swarthmore last Sat., Apr. 12, the Mules kept up their winning ways, earning their tenth victory of the season. The team started a bit slow, but eventually worked up to their 17-10 win. In the victory, freshman Rachael Goldstein finished with a career-high six goals.

The Garnet tried to make the game interesting, but

with the help of senior Taylor Armstrong's five assists and two goals, the Mules ended on top. With this strong performance, Armstrong moved into second place in team history for total points in a season (69) and also for career assists (78).

Junior Sara Hiller and sophomore Amanda McGovern each contributed a hat trick, and sophomore Alyssa Bascelli had six ground balls and a goal.

Next up for the Mules is a game at York today at 4:00 p.m. After that, they will be looking to clinch a playoff berth against McDaniel on Sat., Apr. 19 at 1:00 p.m.



Left: Junior Sara Hiller had a hat trick in the game against Swarthmore.
Right: Junior Megan Wilson scored two goals against Swarthmore.



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Van Syckle holds the record in 10,000 meters

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

At the Bison Outdoor Classic hosted by Bucknell, junior Timothy Van Syckle stole the show. Taking over the school record in the 10,000 meters, Van Syckle beat the previous record by almost a full minute. His time of 31:23.74 was plenty to qualify him for the ECACs. Senior Michael Karchner also qualified with a score of 5515 in the decathlon. Sophomore Brendan Kirk qualified in the 400 hurdles, and junior David Chorney qualified in the 1,500 meters.

Sophomore Lauren Conicella and freshman Abby Simons had strong performances for the women at the meet. Coming up for the team is the Greyhound Invitational hosted by Moravian.



Senior Michael Karchner beat his previous personal best in the decathlon pole vault with a height of 11-9.75.

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The last lecture for the class of 2008

By Julie Ambrose
WEEKLY NEWS WRITER

As graduation approaches, members of the Class of 2008 are celebrating and lamenting all kinds of lasts – the last class, the last exam, and the last meal in the Garden Room. This year's senior class will also be the FIRST class to hear a LAST LECTURE delivered to them as a group at the Senior Celebration during Senior Week.

Dr. Larry Hass, Professor of Philosophy, and Dr. Kate Richmond, Assistant Professor of Psychology, were invited to take the stage for the

Class of 2008 Last Lecture due to these compelling comments from students: "He gave me the ability to see college as an experience of learning, not as what I was supposed to do

The Last Lecture is an occasion for Dr. Hass and Dr. Richmond to reflect on their experiences with the Class of 2008

between high school and work. He gave me a great gift, the advice to live in and enjoy the present," and "she has challenged

me to step outside the box, consider the alternative, and, most importantly, to be brave and demand only the best from myself."

The Last Lecture is a way for students to honor the College Faculty for all of the ways that they have positively impacted students during the past four years. From January through March, students wrote nominations on behalf of faculty members who they wanted to hear deliver the Last Lecture. A committee of five seniors (Jessica Anselmi, Sandra Crawford, Julie Howell, Kelly McGinnis,



Dr. Kate Richmond, Assistant Professor of Psychology teaches Introductory Psychology, Multicultural Psychology, Research Methods, and Psychology of Women.

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Bottled water campaign: "just tap it"



This past Tues., Apr. 22, Dr. Lora Taub's Environmental Communication class launched their "Just Tap It" bottled water campaign.

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By Meredith Clinton
NEWS EDITOR

This semester, Dr. Lora Taub, Associate Professor and Department Chair of Media and Communication, and her Environmental Communication class are participating in a campaign to ban the sale of bottled water at the College.

They believe that the reason bottled water is so popular is simply because corporations have used advertising to convince the public that bottled water is safer and tastes better than tap water. In a survey taken by the class, one hundred students on campus were

asked whether or not they believe bottled water tastes better than tap water; eighty-three percent responded yes, and 17 percent said no.

While many people may believe that bottled water tastes better, a comparison of the regulations placed on bottled water versus tap water may be a better indicator as to which one is the better option. The United States Environmental Protection Agency's standards for tap water are much more precise than the standards placed on bottled water by the Food and Drug Administration.

If someone is feeling hesitant about drinking water straight from the

tap, there are numerous filtration systems that can be bought to make tap water cleaner and more enjoyable.

Furthermore, the cost of production that goes into bottled water is outrageous. In an extensive study on this topic, Pablo Paster, Sustainability Engineer at Triple Pundit, discovered that the manufacture and transport of a one kilogram bottle of Fiji water consumed 26.88 kilograms of water (7.1 gallons), .849 kilograms of fossil fuel (one litre), and emitted 562 grams of Greenhouse Gases (1.2 pounds).

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Struck dumb by the sun

April is finally here. Go outside, tan, burn, sleep. But don't forget, you are still miles away from the finish line. We are thinking to ourselves, "Yes! Only a couple of weeks left!" Then the onslaught of work hits our brains, and we panic, "No! Only a couple of weeks left!"

Remember when summer vacation was, well, a vacation? Not so anymore. Our lives up until now have been broken into two categories: summer, and every other season. But now, the real world awaits, and internship application deadlines creep up like that final paper that's due tomorrow (you can thank us later for reminding you). When did summer become a time to work?

Summer is quickly becoming a time to show your stuff you learned in class and extra activities, like oh, we don't know, The Weekly perhaps. Looking for journalism internship, we're reminded of why we sit in a cluttered office every Tuesday night for nine straight hours without pay. We may be called crazy now, but come June we'll have some experience to work with.

It's tough growing up. But it happens to all of us eventually. It is as inevitable as getting a sunburn when laying by Victor's Lament day in and day out. Going home isn't what it used to be. Relaxing by the pool, sleeping until noon, and jumping through the sprinklers are things of the past.

And we're only juniors! We can't imagine what seniors are feeling. Probably a sense of freedom, and probably a sense of terror. But now's the time to explore. Find out what you want to do with your life. Explore every opportunity, and seek out those internship. Don't forget that cheap or even free labor is always appreciated by employers. Go to the Career Center, and see what's out there.

Try not to stress out. We know it sounds impossible, but we are so close! No matter how silly you may feel, whip out that planner and map out your time. Don't give up those lovely sunny days though, just don't forget to pack a book with your picnic blanket and sunscreen.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Every once in a while I have the pleasure of opening up a Muhlenberg Weekly and reading a Joe Caporoso liberal rant. No matter how tired I am I always feel that rush of heated anxiety at ideas so backwards and in need of response that I wake right up. I should pay Mr. Caporoso for saving me the \$3.79 in Red Bull I would have needed otherwise.

In his recent article "Defining Failure" on the seventeenth of April, in which he gave the President an F grade for his eight years in office (shocking, I know), he criticizes the President for not listening to the CIA warnings of possible terrorist attacks before Sep. 11. Then he criticizes the President for taking us into Iraq after weapons of mass destruction, except Mr. Caporoso believes, "...in reality there were no weapons."

Firstly, I don't see how Caporoso can criticize Bush for not listening to the CIA prior to Sep. 11, and then after Bush listened to the CIA tell him it's a "slam dunk" that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction, he criticizes Bush for following their advice and invading. Which is it? Should he or should he not follow CIA advice? Is anyone else wondering how they are supposed to get a better grade than an F on this test?

Secondly, in what reality is Mr. Caporoso living in which Saddam didn't have weapons of mass destruction? He should check with the one hundred thousand Kurds whose lungs were melted with sarin gas during the genocidal Anfal campaign Saddam carried out in the late 1980s. I'm sure the Kurds can confirm the existence of these weapons from their mass graves Saddam so kindly dug for them. And why the assumption that just because we didn't find nuclear weapons in silos that Saddam must not have had weapons?

Caporoso cannot seriously be claiming from his little armchair in Seegers Union that every major intelligence service in the world whose job it is to know these things, was completely wrong about Saddam having weapons of mass destruction. Right?

Benjamin R. Long
Class of 2003

Caporoso defines failure

Water, water, everywhere- especially landfills

By Laura Weeks
WEEKLY GUEST WRITER

Enjoy a bottle of pure enriched oxygen—available in Mountain Mint, Tropical Breeze, Citrus Blast, Polar Rush and a host of other flavors.

This marketing scheme sounds absurd, right? Who would purchase a natural commodity that is already available in abundance, and made pure and safe due to our hard earned tax dollars?

The answer is just about every convenience-obsessed individual with a disposable income, and unfortunately you and I probably fit into this category. Companies like BetterThanAir and Oxygen+ simply have to mirror the multi-billion dollar bottled water industry to successfully commodity and privatize a natural

resource at the expense of local democratic control and ecosystem.

However, the problem with bottled water runs much deeper than

Who would purchase a natural commodity that is already available in abundance, and made pure and safe due to our hard earned tax dollars?

price premiums of up to a thousand times the cost of tap water and corporate commodification of a life-giving resource that we should have a right to. The marketing spin has led consumers to believe that bottled water is safer and tastes better than water from the faucet.

The truth of the matter is that the federal government imposes more stringent safety standards upon municipal tap water than those for the bottled counterpart. Certainly the arsenic, microbe, toxins, pollutants, and leached plastic chemicals

that have turned up in various bottled brands can't possibly taste better. Besides, up to forty percent of bottled water, including Muhlenberg's beloved PepsiCo Aquafina is merely filtered tap water.

We also must evaluate the plethora of environmental problems that production and distribution creates. Last year the U.S. alone used more than seventeen million six hundred thousand barrels of

oil and spewed two million five hundred thousand tons of carbon dioxide in the production of bottled water. The plastic itself is also problematic since eighty six percent of bottles wind up in the garbage instead of being recycled. From there they are either incinerated

releasing toxic by products into the air or wind up in landfills.

So now we must ask ourselves, "Why does Muhlenberg, a school which has already embraced so

'Why does Muhlenberg, a school which has already embraced so many greening initiatives...[keep] the coolers and vending machines full of Aquafina?'

many greening initiatives like recycling and purchasing local organic food, support all of this by keeping the coolers and vending machines stocked full of Aquafina?" The sole reason why environmental organizations on campus have failed to eradicate the school's purchase of bottled water is not because Sodexo won't agree to it, but rather because Muhlenberg students have demonstrated negative feedback to the initiative. So why are we supporting this nonsense? Muhlenberg College needs to change its ways.

Voting made difficult

By Sara Beitman & Avivah Furman
ASST. OP/ED EDITORS

So I went to vote in the democratic primary today, to do my diplomatic duty as an involved and concerned citizen, and I was delighted to discover that the voting booths are now digital. This was my first time voting in Pennsylvania. In my home state of Connecticut, voting is performed in a manual booth. This involves pulling a big crank to close the door and then pressing the button for the candidate of your choice. In some states they still vote on paper ballots. In Pennsylvania it is now mandatory for polling centers to use digital voting machines; this policy was put into place by the George W. Bush supporters from the 2004 election. The digital system, requires that the voter places a specialized voter card into the machine, and then touch the candidate's name that they wish to vote for. This helps to ensure that their voice is heard.

As we are moving into the digital age, these new voting machines are

great for young voters. They are easy, convenient, and in line with the daily technology that we are used to. However, what about older people and the elderly who want to vote, but find these new machines confusing and difficult because they did not grow up with technology? The law states that citizens can only vote starting when they are eighteen years old. Thus, a very small portion of current voters grew up with this new technology. To those still foreign to this new digital era, these new high-tech booths may be very

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intimidating. For example, my grandmother has yet to send a single e-mail or ever answer her cell phone for sheer lack of confidence in her technological skills. Where does this newer system leave voters like her? Even if the fate of the world, or perhaps this nation's future, depended on her picking up her Verizon flip phone, she most likely couldn't muster the gusto. There is no way that she could vote digitally. The reality is that my grandmother

is not the only one who is subject to such an impediment.

In this very controversial presidential election, our country needs as many voters as possible, and if the majority of voters are intimidated by these new machines, or cannot even use them, then we have a problem. At the William Allen High School polling center,

there was only one person to help a whole line of confused people trying to use the machines. Needless to say, with the recent and drastic switch to digital technology, there were quite a few frustrated and disgruntled citizens, annoyed with the democratic system on a day where they should feel empowered and important by voting.

In 2007, the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania was served with a legal action against these new voting machines. The suit sought to prevent the use of digital voting in fifty-seven counties in Pennsylvania. The suit states that these machines allegedly do not create a permanent record of each vote. While paperless may be good for the environment, it is not a suffi-

ciently secure enough manner in obtaining votes in such an important election. The lawsuit states that the new voting system in Pennsylvania violates the uniformity provisions of the Pennsylvania Constitution and the Pennsylvania Election Code.

The only choice that elderly people have if they want to vote is to send in an absentee ballot, which is also a difficult process. To get an absentee ballot, first the voter has to call his or her town hall and ask for an application for an absentee ballot. After the voter receives the application and sends it back, then they are sent the actual absentee ballot. If the ballot actually makes it to the town hall on time and it is not lost in a pile of papers, then the vote will be counted. This belabored process may ultimately deter voters from participating in the democratic process.

The voting system needs to be changed back to a manual voting system if we want people to accurately and easily vote in the upcoming presidential election in November 2008.

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Summertime, and the Living is Easy

By Esme Mazzeo
ASST. LIFE EDITOR

I had the beautiful experience of pulling an all nighter last night and I think it goes without saying that it was hardly an enjoyable experience. In fact, last night was even less enjoyable than usual. In the spirit of passover, one may ask, why was last night different from all other nights in the past? Well, frankly, because it was worse. It seems to get worse each time. Now, I know there are only three weeks left in the semester, but regardless, last night felt too early in the semester to be watching the sunrise over my fourth red bull and tediously editing grammar on a paper. All-nighters should be reserved for finals week only. As I labored over an eight page paper, I was not focusing on the words on the page as much as I was mourning the beautiful day I knew I was going to miss. I knew that there was no way I could appreciate the sunshine on campus as I roamed around jittering from caffeine withdrawal and red-eyed, like some sort of sleep-deprived zombie.

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as having the peace of mind and freedom from foreboding school work. Maybe her trip to visit my abuela is the reason I'm so bitter this week. Still, I'd take sitting at home watching re-runs of "Rock of Love" over this. I'm done.

For those of you who did not realize, this is the final issue of The Weekly for the semester, and honestly,

I realized, that this semester, more than any other, my need to get out of here, NOW. Strawberry-banana smoothies on the grass are my favorite spring-time activity, and while they provide a welcome escape from the stress that seems to be piling on with finals approaching, I'd much rather be sitting on a beach in Puerto Rico with my mother. Relaxing on campus is simply not as soothing

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SUMMER | FROM PAGE 2 I'm very grateful. Don't get me wrong, I love The Weekly, but I'm sick of awkwardly trying to add lines to the sex column so it fills the space I need. I am tired of begging people to answer the "question of the week". I am over begging people to let me take their picture after they've reluctantly agreed to answer my question. I'm sick of reminding people that less people will see their black and white picture in The Weekly than will see their profile picture on Facebook. I love working here, really, but, right now, I am done-zo.

While I will be happy to go home, I can't just sit around this summer. Last year was different. After the first year of college, everything about my home in Long Island seemed wonderful to me. I appreciated my family and friends so much more than I had before, my new job playing with kids beat the old one, where I sat in the sun all day, miserable, and the traffic lights on Main street glowed a little bit brighter. But now, none of that seems exciting anymore, not even the local swimming pool smell or the dull melody of the Good Humor ice cream truck.

I don't need to just bust out of the bubble, I think I may just need to leave the entire east coast behind. I'm going to finally man up and overcome my fears of flying, get on a plane, and head south to visit my aunt this summer. I don't exactly know what a little town in North Carolina is going to do to satisfy my entertainment needs, but I don't care. At least it isn't in Allentown or Long Island. I need to see another little piece of the world for awhile. Away from my family and responsibility. For two months in my life, I just want to live!

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Yet, as I sit here, an unfinished Life section is distracting me from my daydream, and this article. Don't even mention that chapter I should be reading, the story I should be writing, and those two finals smirking at me in the not-so far off future.

Beyond all the tests, stress, papers, social obligations, and final projects I have to complete, I keep my eye on the distance- North Carolina, lazy nights, the excitement of whatever adventure awaits me the next day, new people, and new places. They're coming, everyone, just hold on and I promise, a brighter, less stressful day is on the horizon.

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Blackfire band advocates for cultural justice

By Eirinn Disbrow
NEWS EDITOR

The Navajo punk-rock band, Blackfire, came to campus last Wed., Apr. 16. The three band members started their day early here at the College by attending an Environmental Communication class, taught by Dr. Taub, Associate Professor and Department Chair of the Media and Communication Department, to speak about their ongoing struggle for cultural survival. They also attended a reception for the band from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Great Room, and then performed a free concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Recital Hall of Baker Center for the Arts.

Blackfire is comprised of two brothers, Clayson and Klee Benally, and their sister Jeneda Benally. Their music is a mixture of punk-rock, traditional Native American, and "Alter-Native." These three siblings were drawn towards punk-rock because it was very different from the music they heard on the radio which to them sounded fabricated. "We liked how punk-rock was aggressive and confrontational, it had a meaning that resonated with us and others in our community," said Klee.

Clayson, Klee, and Jeneda come from the Navajo tribe which is also known as Dine. In the 17th century the Navajos occupied the region between the San Juan and Little Colorado rivers in northeastern Arizona, but they traveled far outside that territory. They fought the Spanish for over 300 years and were never successfully defeated. In 1864 the Navajos were forcefully marched off of their land while the U.S. military scorched crops, orchards, and fields and took Navajo women and children as slaves to sell to Mexico. In 1868, Barboncito, the chief spokesperson for the Navajo, negotiated a treaty that provided a reservation for his tribe around the Four Corners area. The reservation extends into Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

The Navajo tribe recognizes four sacred mountains that represent the boundaries of their land. One of these mountains is in the San Francisco Peaks in northern Arizona. The San Francisco Peaks are part of a public land managed by the United States Forest Service and are also considered sacred by

over thirteen Native American tribes. The Forest Service has designated 777 acres of this land to the Arizona Snowbowl Ski Resort, a resort that has recently proposed expansion by using reclaimed wastewater to make snow.

Blackfire sees this proposal as a complete disgrace to their sacred Native American land. "As indigenous people we have a direct connection with the land. We see the Earth as something that we need to protect," said Jeneda. The Navajo community feels that the reclaimed waste water destroys their culture and religious values by contaminating water and plants that their culture uses for medicinal purposes. The Benally siblings feel that the voice of their community needs to be heard and so they use their music to express their frustrations. "The reason we started making music was to communicate these issues that we saw happening. A challenge that we face is that we don't have respect when we say that something is sacred," said Klee.

The Benallys have also helped to create a documentary called "The Snowbowl Effect," directed by Klee Benally. This documentary voices the cultural concerns of the Navajo people and also gives information about the environmental and community health concerns involving the Snowbowl controversy. It explains how the ski resort plans to build a waste water storage pond on the mountain that will turn one hundred eighty million gallons of wastewater each season into snow. This wastewater pond will contain pharmaceutical content, hormones, and cancer causing agents that could impact many forms of wildlife and also pose a potential public health hazard. The Benally siblings and Navajo community believe that this project is not only blatantly disrespectful to the Native community but also environmentally unsustainable.

The "Save the Peaks" coalition has been formed by a group of concerned citizens to advocate against the use of reclaimed wastewater and protect the San Francisco Peaks. This group has support from many environmental groups including the Sierra Club and the Center for Biological Diversity. The Navajo community has been fighting this issue for some time now and they suspect that it could potentially be taken to

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From left: Jeneda Benally, Klee Benally, and Clayson Benally are the members of the punk-rock and "Alter-Native" band Blackfire. They performed at the College on Apr. 16 in the Recital Hall.

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the Supreme Court. The outcome of this issue is very important to the Navajo community because it reflects how they feel about their culture and values being respected and acknowledged by this country. "We do not have guar-

anteed protection for religious freedom in this country. Our reservation land is federal land. If we don't win this case then we don't have protected rights anywhere in America. We're supposed to have equality, we're supposed to have

freedom, as Native people that's something we are still fighting for," said Klee.

To check out some of Blackfire's music or to learn more about "The Snowbowl Effect" visit www.blackfire.net or www.savethepeaks.org.

Ten ways to make Earth Day everyday!

1. If you recycle just one aluminum can you save enough energy to operate a TV for three hours
2. Drink filtered tap water and avoid contributing to the 17 million barrels of oil that was used last year to meet America's demand for bottled water.
3. Replace your regular incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb. This will use 60% less energy and save 300 lbs of carbon dioxide per year.
4. Clean the filters in your furnace and air conditioner and save 350 lbs of carbon dioxide per year.
5. Plant a tree!
6. Eat less meat and help to reduce the methane emissions produced by cow breath.
7. Decrease fuel consumption by only using your car's roof rack when necessary. Wind resistance and extra weight can increase CO2 emissions by up to 10%.
8. Go online and sign your name to petitions that advocate for the fight against Global Warming.
9. Don't let heat escape from your house over a long period of time. Just one small window opening can result in the loss of almost one ton of CO2 emissions.
10. Cover your pots while cooking to save energy by allowing your food to heat more quickly.



Ken Lupole,

Director of Campus Safety, will be retiring at the end of the Spring '08 semester after a 30 year career in law enforcement.

He will be moving with his wife to upstate New York where his daughter is graduating from Syracuse University. When Lupole joined the College in 1987, he installed a multiplexed fire alarm system throughout the campus.

During his time here Lupole has built strong relationships with the students, faculty, and staff and helped to keep the campus safe. He plans on visiting the College in the future but until then he will be greatly missed.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
Partly Cloudy	Showers	Showers
High: 75 Low: 49	High: 67 Low: 48	High: 66 Low: 47

WATER

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In addition to these unnecessary costs of production, nearly ninety percent of water bottles are not recycled; instead, they end up in landfills where it takes thousands of years for them to decompose.

Dr. Taub's class would also like to point out that this campaign is not just about the environmental effects of bottled water; water is a human right, and is not something that should be commodified and sold to the public by corporations. The class hopes that their campaign will make the campus more aware of the absurdity of bottled water and that it will encourage the College to ban the sale of bottled water on campus. In place

of the bottles they would like to see filtration systems throughout the campus so that all students can have access to free, safe water.

In another survey that

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was taken by taken by one hundred students at the College, it was discovered that an average of 6.87 water bottles are purchased weekly. However, Dr. Taub's class found in another survey that students would buy only 1.75 water bottles per week if they were not able to purchase water bottles on a swipe. Sodexho has com-

mented that if the students want something, they will do it. So, if the Student Body can come together in an agreement that the College should discontinue the sale of bottled water, the campaign has a real possibility of succeeding.

The "Just Tap It" campaign officially launched on Earth Day, Apr. 22. Dr. Taub's class had a table in Parent's Plaza where they held a water taste-test to distinguish whether or not students could tell the difference between tap and bottled water.

The class plans to start a Facebook group where students can sign a petition requesting that the College ban the sale of water bottles. Their goal is to educate and inform students on campus so that they can better understand repercussions of choices they make every day in the GQ.

Environmental week events



In celebration of Earth Day and Earth Week, EnAct has been holding a host of events on campus. On Saturday, EnAct held a picnic with all vegetarian food, live music, and tie dying. Mon. and Tues., Apr. 21 and 22 the group distributed information from the League of Conservation Voters and Grist.org about the Pennsylvania Primaries.

On Wed. Apr. 23 EnAct made a trip to Graver Arboretum to help out with a clean up, and today, Apr. 24 is Trash on Your Arm day.

Students and professors can be seen carrying plastic bags today and will be putting all of

the trash that they normally throw into a trash can into their individual plastic bags in order to raise awareness about over consumption and encourage the campus to reduce waste.

At 8:30 p.m. tonight participants from Trash on Your Arm Day will gather in Parents Plaza and collect the day's trash. "We will weigh the trash and see how everyone measures up to the average American, who, according to the Department of Energy, produces about 4.5 pounds of trash every day," said Jacy Good '08, President of EnAct.

Compiled by Meredith Clinton

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and Katherine Nicol) and Julie Ambrose, Director of the Senior Year Experience, read the nominations and identified themes and qualities that many faculty exemplified. While the represent different academic departments, genders, generations and styles, the two who were invited to speak each received numerous nominations from students equally eager to hear them one last time.

Students nominated faculty members from 12 different academic departments — clearly excellence in teaching, mentoring, advising and befriending crosses all disciplines on campus. The Faculty Salute portion of the Senior Celebration event will give students an opportunity to recognize and thank the faculty for their role in help-

ing students grow at Muhlenberg.

The Last Lecture is an occasion for Dr. Hass and Dr. Richmond to reflect on their experiences with the Class of 2008 and share their thoughts one

The Last Lecture is a way for students to honor the College Faculty for all of the ways that they have positively impacted students during the past four years

last time. Congratulations Dr. Hass and Dr. Richmond - We look forward to hearing from you at the Last Lecture!

Other components of the Senior Celebration include the Senior Slide Show compiled by Carli Segal '08, Presidential Assistant in the

Student Activities Office, and a committee of seniors. The slide show will be running throughout the dinner hour for seniors to enjoy as they celebrate their friendships and their time at the College. Then, seniors will be treated to the debut of The Senior Reflections Video filmed throughout the spring semester by juniors Jennifer Wachs and Kimberly O'Brien. Students will be taken to the Allentown Brew Works to cap off the celebration.

The Senior Year Experience and Student Activities Offices thank everyone who helped to make these events possible. We are excited to help the Class of 2008 celebrate their time as undergraduates at the College and transition to their new, more permanent roles as Muhlenberg Alumni. Congratulations, Seniors!



Dr. Larry Hass has inspired his students by encouraging them to live and enjoy the present.

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Campus Safety Notes

Apr. 15 - Suspicious Person - A student reported that there was a suspicious person with a bandanna covering his face in the lower level of Seeger's Union. The individual ended up being a student here at the College.

Apr. 15 - Residential Policy - Two brown animals called Degu's were found in Building #3 in The Village at 2225 Turner Street. These animals had to be removed from campus and taken home. The owner will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 16 - Institutional Vandalism - A student wrote "Herro" with magic marker outside the men's bathroom in the basement of Brown Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 16 - Safety Hazard - A mirror was smashed in the Front Drive. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 17 - Trashing/Excessive Clean Up - The second floor bathroom of Brown Hall was found with vomit and excessive trashing. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 17 - Dispatch Code - Parents called Campus Safety to check the welfare of their daughter because she had not contacted them in a while. Campus Safety located the student and put her in contact with her parents.

Apr. 17 - Suspicious Activity - The white board on the first floor of the New Science building had an inappropriate picture drawn on it. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 18 - Theft - Some signs were stolen from behind the Center for the Arts. Two students have been identified for this theft and have been referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 18 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to the cooking of egg rolls on the second floor of South Hall.

Apr. 18 - Malicious Mischief - A student from the first floor of Martin Luther Hall found a paper with a swastika placed upon his desk. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 18 - Sick Student - A

student who was standing outside the east door of Prosser Hall reported that she was experiencing a rapid heart rate. She was transported to the Health Center.

Apr. 18 - Stolen Property - A student stole a folding table and sign from Seeger's Union. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 18 - Sick Student - An intoxicated student over the age of 21 was transported to the hospital from the second floor of Benfer Hall. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 19 - Institutional Vandalism - A student jumped on one of the picnic tables in the Prosser Quad and smashed it. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 19 - Liquor Law - A sick student from the basement of Brown Hall was transported to the hospital for underage drinking. She will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 19 - Liquor Law - An intoxicated student in the football stadium was yelling profanities at the lacrosse

goalie from the opposing team. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 19 - Noise Complaint - The residents of 2201, 2203, and 2205 Liberty Street were warned by the Allentown Police Department to lower the noise coming from their homes.

Apr. 19 - Liquor Law - A student from the third floor of Benfer Hall was caught with underage possession of alcohol. He was referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 19 - Fire Safety Violation - Students built a fire and held an unregistered party by the volleyball court. There was also damage done to the fences by the volleyball net. The students ran away when Campus Safety arrived at the party so there are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 20 - Liquor Law - A student from the third floor of Benfer Hall gave Campus Safety false identification and was in underage possession of alcohol. She will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 20 - Theft - A student placed his iPhone in his shoes on the bleachers by the practice soccer field and when he returned to the area his iPhone had been stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 20 - Fire Alarm Sounding - A fire alarm went off due to a faulty detector at 428 Albright Street.

Apr. 20 - Liquor Law - A student from the second floor of Walz Hall was found with underage possession of alcohol, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He will be referred to the Judicial Process.

Apr. 21 - Theft - One of the Muhlenberg banners was stolen from the Front Drive. There are no suspects at this time.

Apr. 21 - Dispatch Code - Campus safety found a package of white powder in the men's bathroom in the basement of Taylor Hall. The powder was tested and it did not test positive for cocaine.

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Life!

"The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want."

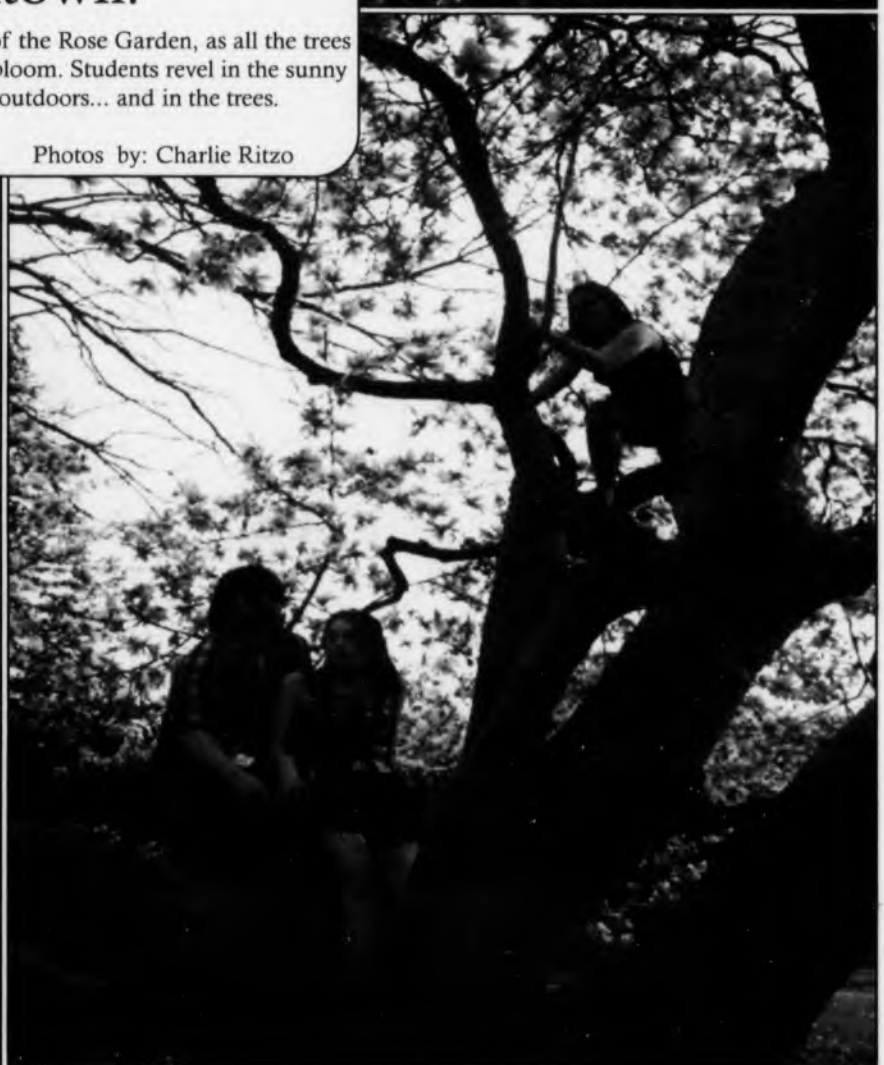
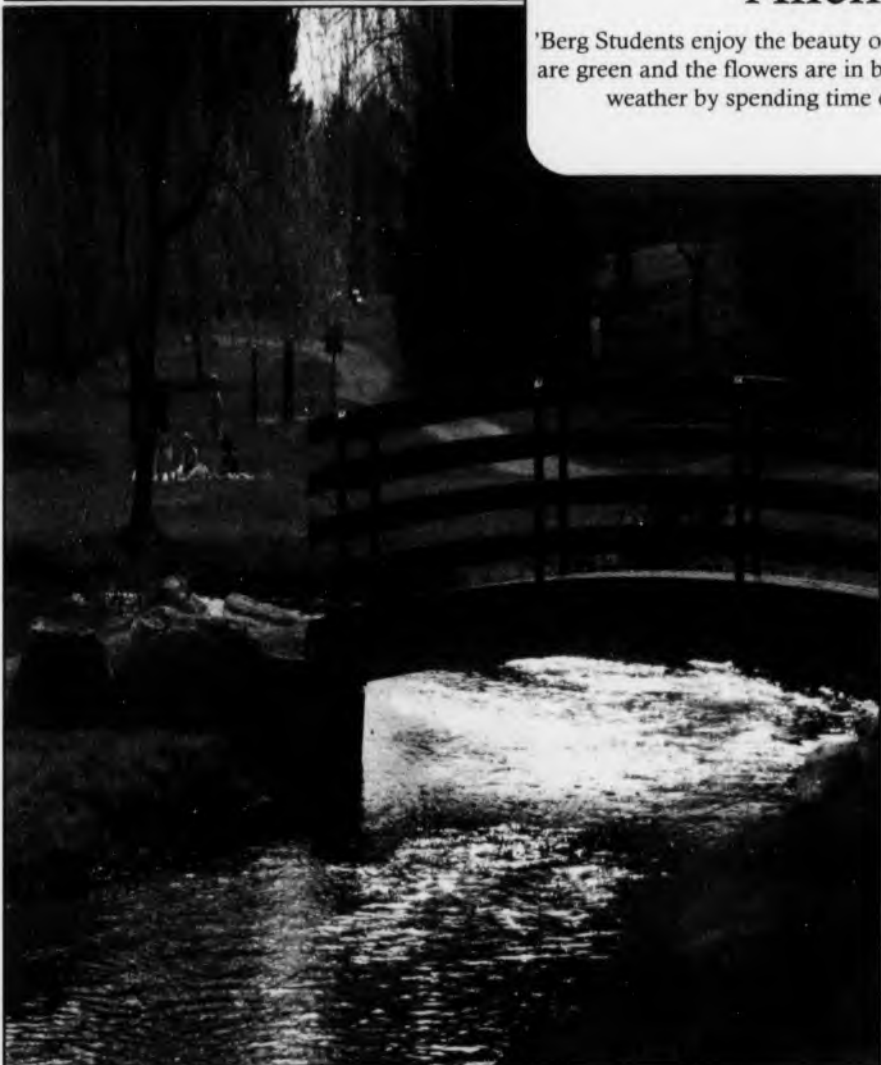
- Ben Stein



Spring has Sprung in Allentown!

'Berg Students enjoy the beauty of the Rose Garden, as all the trees are green and the flowers are in bloom. Students revel in the sunny weather by spending time outdoors... and in the trees.

Photos by: Charlie Ritzo



Duck, duck, sex...

By Rachel Grinenko and
Alexis Kacmarczik
WEEKLY LIFE COLUMNISTS

People have been having sex forever. This is a fact. It's been done fast, it's been done slow, it's been done sideways, backwards, upside down. By now we're sure you've noticed that we like to categorize anything that has to do with sex. So here's three more for you:

Making love, having sex, and fu--let's call it ducking. If you have experienced one, two, or all three of these you know there's a difference. Yes, the term "making love" makes us want to vomit, but it does exist and it can actually be meaningful if love is a factor. So, let's start with that one.

Making love is usually done between two significant others. You actually *are* in love and if it gets emotional enough, tears can be shed. You whisper, "I love you" in each others' ears and stop occasionally to stare longingly into each others' eyes. Things are all sweet and mushy and gushy, and you actually do feel like this

person cares about you and wants to be with you. This is usually done in a bed in missionary position.

Making love can't be kinky, it's soft and slow. This is why if you have just met a guy and are about to sleep with him for the first time, you know it's b.s. if he tells you he wants to make love. He just wants to get easy access into your pants and thinks that's what all girls want to hear.

People assume that making love entails a huge romantic gesture: rose petals, soft jazz and dimly lit candles. But really, it's about the emotional connection between two people. There is no rushing into making love; any foreplay consists of a light touch. It's not so much about getting each other off than it is to show that you love and respect every inch of the other person.

Having sex is probably the most typical form of intercourse. Different positions are welcome but it's not in a frenzy. It's a steady pace; sex is because you're turned on. This can

be done with someone that you're in a relationship with, or someone that you just consistently hook up with. Not a duck buddy, a sex buddy.

There is tooooooons of foreplay in sex. It is all about finding out what really gets your partner going. You want to find the right spots, avoid the wrong spots, and essentially just get each other off.

Moaning and groaning is permitted, you can even take sex out of the bed and get your kink on.

Sex isn't drawn out like making love is, but it is about two people taking the time to get as much pleasure as possible.

Just because you're in love with someone doesn't mean that you have to make love every time you sleep together. Usually, when you're in a long-term or serious relationship, sex is the most common nightly activity. Making love is saved for anniversaries or an unexpectedly romantic night.

Ducking is for those

nights you come back from the bar completely drunk, sweaty, and ready to go.

Ducking is all about yourself. You really don't care if the other person is enjoying it, you're there to get off and get out. Ducking is void of emotion for the most part; it's fast, sloppy and intense. It's raw (and we don't mean raw as in no condom. Condoms are our best friend), raunchy and injuries can occur.

This is where jack-rabbit pounding comes in. Arms and legs are flailing and you can bet you're waking up the neighbors.

It's sweaty and you usually have to change the sheets afterwards. In fact, you probably should take a shower after a good duck. You duck during a one night stand. You duck during make up and break up sex.

Don't get us wrong; a little duck never hurt anyone. But if you're in it for the emotions, ducking's probably not for you.

So, here's our little wrap-up: Making love = emotion. Sex = pleasure. Ducking = ducking. Straight. Up. Ducking.

LOVE
&
LIFE

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPRINGTIME ACTIVITY?



"Reading outside."
- Kristen Camuso '10



"Just hanging outside."
- Kelly Mercer '10



"Running in the park."
- Tina Vergos '09



"Frisbee."
- Jeremy Banner '08



"Watching Tina Vergos run in the park."
- Joe Armenti '10

AMC Weekend Listings



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Fri. 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
Sat. 4:00, 6:50, 9:30
Sun. 1:30, 4:00, 6:50

Baby Mama

Fri. 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sat. 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
Sun. 2:30, 5:00, 7:20

The List

Fri. 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
Sat. 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
Sun. 1:50, 5:10, 7:40

The Forbidden Kingdom

Fri. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:30, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 3:15, 4:30, 7:30

Prom Night (2008)

Fri. 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
Sat. 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
Sun. 2:00, 5:20, 7:50

Forgetting Sarah Marshall

Fri. 4:15, 7:30, 10:00
Sat. 4:15, 7:30, 10:00
Sun. 3:10, 4:15, 7:30

Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay

Fri. 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
Sat. 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
Sun. 3:00, 4:40, 7:00

Ashlee Simpson:

Much more bitter than sweet

By Alex Nagorski
WEEKLY LIFE WRITER

Dear Ashlee,

The only question worth asking you is: Why? Why would you create such an atrocious album? Why would you let down all the fans who have stuck by you through *everything*? They stood at your side when you made a complete fool out of yourself on national television during your infamous Saturday Night Live lip-synching incident.

They made both of your previous albums debut at #1, putting you on the fast track to possible superstardom. Hell, they even defended you when you abandoned all you said you stood for by getting all that plastic surgery and turning into another eminently forgettable modern blonde starlet.

"Boyfriend," the lead track off your last album, "I Am Me," had you singing "Hollywood will suck me in but it won't spit me out." When you wrote that song, did you know you were lying and would morph into a corporate sellout?

On Apr. 22, you released "Bittersweet World," your third major label album. How a major label supported this "record" at all, however, is completely unclear. In fact, it would be no surprise if after this album fails to generate any good press, you'll be dropped. It's sad, yes, but you brought this on yourself.

It is also unclear why you're using your relationship with Fall Out

Boy's Pete Wentz the completely wrong way. You could have taken advantage of his musical genius and entrepreneurial expertise to help you evolve your pop/rock sound and make an actually good album. His influence is clearly there on "Little Miss Obsessive," the only legitimately good song on the record. Why you wouldn't work with this same formula on the rest of your CD is just mind boggling.

Instead, you're using Wentz to generate publicity. Don't even try to say that the fact that you and he announced your engagement and are constantly in the news squandering pregnancy rumors just a couple of days before your album was released was not a publicity stunt.

Gee, Ashlee, it *must* be a coincidence that your name is all over the celebrity gossip blogs the week you try to get yourself press and hype for your record. And to answer the question, you're probably thinking, no, you did not spark enough interest in anyone to buy this record to support your future family.

Instead of utilizing your connections and having your talented fiancé help you out, you recruited producers like Timbaland to turn yourself into a horrible pop star. Just because he changed Nelly Furtado from a semi-decent songwriter to a washed out Top 40 friendly robot does not mean he can do the same for you.

The whole rock-star-gone-bad-pop thing has already been done! And at least when Gwen Stefani did

it, she did it with a bit of originality. She didn't try and just imitate every hip hop beat she heard on TRL.

Really Ashlee, there's a reason why you released the first single off this album, "Outta My Head," way back in December, and now four months later it still has not caught on anywhere. You should have learned from your previous albums; pop/rock songs like "Pieces Of Me" and "Boyfriend" actually did amazingly well, whereas simply bad pop songs like "L.O.V.E." did not take off half as well. Too bad you never listened when your mother taught you as a little girl that history repeats itself.

This is coming off harsh, yes. It's just that the main issue with this album is how much your fans *wanted* to like it. It's been three years since your last album. For three years, they have been waiting to hear more from the Ashlee Simpson that they had grown to love and seen in concert so many times.

They had high hopes when they read that you were changing your musical style. Nobody wants to record the same album twice, everyone understands that. If you did that, you wouldn't be an artist. But the difference is your sound needs to evolve.

You can't ditch the artsy clothes, surgically fix the imperfections (yes, your nose included) that made you so quirky, different, and cute. And most importantly, you can't jump from pop/rock princess to dull, bor-

ing, pop tart sounds that are exactly like everyone else's.

When "Autobiography," your first record, came out, it was difficult to pick a favorite song because they were all so good. Now with "Bittersweet World," it is not difficult at all to find a favorite since there's the only one good one. To be fair the songs "No Time For Tears" or "Never Dream Alone" don't make the listener's ears bleed entirely.

They are maybe decent songs enough to serve as B-sides from the "I Am Me" sessions, but that's about it. Unfortunately for you though, the bad completely outweighs the good, and songs such as "Rule Breaker" and "Hot Stuff" are beyond abysmal. In fact, these are two of the arguably worst songs to be released in 2008.

You've betrayed your fans. You've betrayed that sixteen-year-old boy who still has a poster of you on his bedroom wall at home, the boy who used to look up to you for your individuality.

Now that you've blended into Beverly Hills nothingness, who's going to look up to you now? It's like the old saying: "When you meet your hero, you will either fall in love or be completely disappointed." Well, Ashlee, your fans don't need to meet you to be disappointed.

For complete and more exclusive interviews and album reviews by Alex Nagorski, go to his official website at <http://headphoneinfatuation.blogspot.com>.

88 minutes too long

By Matthew Howard
WEEKLY FILM CRITIC

88 Minutes rivals *10,000 B.C.* and *The Heartbreak Kid* as being the worst movie I've reviewed for *The Weekly*...and it comes away with the trophy. It's no surprise that it has been lingering on Columbia's shelves for more than a year (it came out on DVD in Germany early in 2007).

The screenplay is credited to Gary Scott Thompson, but could have been written by a chimpanzee. Al Pacino does his part by sleepwalking his way through the role, which raises the question, why did Al Pacino associate himself with this schlock-fest? Though, a better question is, why the heck am I in the theater?

There's a certain compulsion that accompanies watching something as moronic as *88 Minutes*. You know the experience is causing your brain to rot, but you need to keep viewing to see just how ridiculous things will get. To the extent that this sort of masochistic exercise is the reason to sit through the movie, the ending does not disappoint. Director Jon Avnet saves the worst for last. And when I write "worst," I *mean* "worst." This movie doesn't settle for mere mediocrity, it careens into a free-fall early in the proceedings and doesn't hit rock-bottom until the end credits roll.

Pacino plays Dr. Jack Gramm, a world-renowned forensic psychiatrist who acts more like a cop than a shrink. He's frequently engaging in foot chases, waving around his I.D.

like a badge, and being called in for consultations by the FBI; you know, typical psychiatrist stuff.

He's also a party animal, having sex with any woman who smiles at him as long as she's not his lesbian assistant (Amy Brenneman), a student, or a patient. That rules out his T.A. Kim (Alicia Witt) as a bed-partner, even though she has the hots for him. So instead of sleeping with him, she spends the entire movie trailing after him, asking inane questions and making utterly obvious observations.

To demonstrate just how utterly brain-dead the directing and screenwriting are, here are two examples. In one scene, Gramm's silver Porsche is vandalized, its windows shattered. In the next scene, the car is speeding through the streets,

miraculously restored to its former pristine condition. And then there's a shady-looking guy in a leather jacket who keeps appearing throughout the movie. Gramm asks, "Who is that guy?" But he doesn't follow up.

The story revolves around a death row inmate named Jon Forster, who's getting ready to die by lethal injection as a result of Gramm's testimony. While Forster is behind bars figuring out what to order for his last meal, a copycat is at work on the streets of Seattle. Then Gramm gets a call from a Darth Vader-like voice (without the heavy breathing) informing him that he only has 88 minutes left to live.

At that point, the movie shifts

Gossip Guru:

All the news from Hollywood

By Navah Meller
WEEKLY LIFE COLUMNIST

Eli Manning got married to long-time girlfriend, Aly MacGrew, in Mexico this past weekend.

Kanye West and his fiancé, Alexis Phifer, broke off their year and a half engagement. Phifer released a statement saying, "It's always sad when things like this end, and we remain friends. I wish him the best in his future and all of his endeavors. He's one of the most talented people I've ever met."

Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan's little sister, Ali Lohan, will have a part in the feature film, *Mostly Ghostly*. The fourteen-year-old aspiring star has publicly acknowledged her desire to become a star in her own right, desiring to be like her older sister. It is also being reported that Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman's son, Connor, will be making his film debut in *Seven Pounds*.

The thirteen-year-old will play a younger version of Will Smith's character. It is reported that Connor received the role himself with a source saying, "Tom is so proud of Connor. He's proud of him for really doing this on his own." This seems unlikely as his parents are such good friends with Will Smith's family.

Fifteen-year-old Disney star, Miley Cyrus, has landed back in hot water after inappropriate pictures of the young starlet were leaked. The pictures include her exposing a bra, and lying seductively over a boy. This is not the first time that photos like these have hit the internet for the young actress/singer.

David Hasselhoff checked himself into the hospital this past week. It is reported that this particular hospital stay was not for drugs or alcohol, but actually for stitches that had reopened on his eye.

New reports have surfaced that Lindsay Lohan is back to her pre-rehab ways. The actress was seen at the Hawaii Tropic Zone. One source says, "Tossing her hair around and doing full body rolls - even throwing her hands in the air."

Amy Winehouse has been seen doing drugs yet again. The singer

was spotted smoking marijuana outside of her London home. Many were not surprised as only during this past year the singer was videotaped smoking crack and talking about other drugs that she has done.

Cameron Diaz's father, Emilio, passed away last Tuesday. Ex-Boyfriends John Mayer and Justin Timberlake were seen at the "Celebration of Life" memorial held for Emilio at Mahe Restaurant in Los Angeles.

Celebrities came out in abundance for Victoria Beckham's thirty-four birthday party in California. Her actual birthday was April 7 but celebrated on Sunday at Via Veneto restaurant in Santa Monica.

Among the famous guests were Eva Longoria, Gwen Stefani, Gavin Rossdale, Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith, Kate Beckinsale, Len Wiseman, Usher, Sean Combs, Katie Holmes, and Tom Cruise.

Hillary Duff will appear on the cover of Allure Magazine this month. In it she says, "I'm not a perfect, prude girl. I like to do normal things that twenty-year-olds do. But as good as it is for the rest of the world to watch people fall apart, it's not a respectable way to be talked about. I don't want that attention. If I can't get any from what I'm doing now, I'll figure out a different plan."

Madonna has come to publicly defend scientologist Tom Cruise in New York Magazine. The singer met Cruise and wife Katie Holmes at her Raising Malawi Benefit. She said, "I don't care if people worship turtles or frogs - if they're good people, that's all I care about, and he (Cruise) is a good person."

I think he gets a raw deal, just as I think the orphans in Malawi get a raw deal; just as I think a lot of marginalized people get a raw deal."



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into real-time mode, although Jack Bauer does not make an appearance. Clues start showing up pointing to Gramm being involved in the recent spree of killings.

To be fair to Pacino, he's an arresting presence even when he's not trying - and he most definitely is not trying here. Still, not even he can pull off some of the lame dialogue he's saddled with.

However, compared with the lines Alcia Witt has to deliver, Pacino sounds like Shakespeare. It's hard to write too unkindly about her performance when she is so spectacularly outshone in the bad acting department by Deborah Kara Unger, William Forsythe, and Leelee Sobieski (one has to wonder what happened to her career).

Even though the plot is littered with more red herrings than a fish market, it's not difficult to figure out who the surprise secret villain is. The story's clumsy attempts to hide his/her identity serve only to highlight the guilty party. I suppose someone who has never seen a thriller might be shocked by the cli-

mactic unveiling.

In his desperate attempts to confuse things and include as many twists as the running time will allow, screenwriter Thompson has left behind so many holes and dead-ends that the movie never seems to make much sense even when it's trying to be straightforward.

After I guessed the villain's identity about 20 minutes into it, I spent the rest of the time wondering how sweaty Mr. Pacino must have been while wearing the most ridiculous hairpiece ever...other than Donald Trump. Pacino's hairpiece was, by far, the scariest element of the film.

If it wasn't for Pacino's involvement, *88 Minutes* would have landed directly on the DVD shelves, bypassing movie critics and theaters altogether. Columbia Pictures is banking on Pacino being a big enough draw that people won't care much about the lobotomized screenplay, the plastic acting, the incoherent direction and editing, and the overlong running time. Judging by what's been making money at the box office recently, the cynic in me must concede that they may be right.

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Mules Baseball splits four

By Matthew Howard
SPORTS EDITOR

The Muhlenberg Baseball Team split four games over the past week. Both victories featured extremely strong pitching performances as the Mules shut out both opponents. Sophomore pitcher Phil Cresta improved his shutout streak to 20 1/3 innings and was rewarded by being named Centennial Conference Pitcher of the Week.

On Tues., Apr. 15, the Mules extended their winning streak to five games with a 16-0 shutout victory over Ursinus. Cresta continued to baffle hitters with his seven shutout innings. He allowed only two hits and one walk while striking out six. The fifth inning provided the Mules with seven runs. Junior Jon Kalis hit a two-run triple and freshman Bobby Spindler added an RBI double that inning. The 16-0 victory was the largest shutout victory for Muhlenberg in 22 years.

On Apr. 18, the five game winning streak was snapped by a deflating loss to Ursinus in extra innings. With two outs in the ninth, the Mules held a 5-3 lead. An error extended the inning and proved to be important. The next Ursinus batter hit a two-run homer to send the game into extra-innings. The Bears put up a run in the top of the tenth to take a 6-5 lead. Unfortunately, the Mules failed to score in the bottom of the inning and the five game winning streak was over.

Sophomore Dan Fisher hit his first career home run in the second inning to give the Mules a 3-0 lead. Junior Eric

Hammond had three hits including an RBI triple.

The next day the Mules had a double-header at McDaniel. With Cresta going to the mound in the first game the Mules had a boatload of confidence. As advertised, Cresta did not disappoint. His six shutout innings extended his road scoreless streak to 28 innings. In the third, junior Christian Conti provided Cresta with all the runs he would need with a two run blast. The home run, the ninth of the season for Conti, tied a 28 year-old school record for home runs in a season. Two more runs would score on RBI singles from Spindler and Fisher. The Mules took the first game of the twin-bill, 4-0.

"It's a beautiful day for a ball game...let's play two," the famous quote from Cubs great Ernie Banks was on the Mules' minds as they warmed up for the second game. Instead, the Mules could have used a rainout for the nightcap as they lost 23-12. Heading into the bottom of the seventh, the Mules held a 12-6 lead. Unfortunately, McDaniel managed to score eleven runs in the bottom half. One inning later, the Mules gave up six runs and the game was far out of reach. Conti hit a three RBI double in the game to send him over the 50 RBI plateau for the season.

Muhlenberg sits in fourth place in the Centennial Conference with an 18-15 overall record and 9-7 intra-conference record. With four games remaining, the Mules hold the final playoff spot with a one-game lead over fifth ranked Ursinus. Come out to support the team as they host Susquehanna on Apr. 25 at 4:00 p.m.



Lefty Phil Cresta has dominated opposing hitters, especially on the road.

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Junior Eric Risener has 49 RBIs this season

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Women's Tennis clinches playoff birth, Men falter

By Matthew Howard
SPORTS EDITOR

This past week the Muhlenberg Tennis program saw the rise of one of the teams and the fall of the other. The Men's Team lost both

matches while the Women's Team won both and in the process, clinched a playoff birth.

On Wed., Apr. 16, the Mules hosted Franklin & Marshall, needing a win to clinch a playoff birth. Juniors Jenn Powell and Carly Rotfeld and freshman Caitie Druker all won both their singles and doubles matches to lead the Mules to a 7-2 victory and a post-season birth. After winning her first set, Druker fell behind 5-0 in the second set. Instead of giving in, she bore down and won the next seven games to take the match.

Knowing that they had secured a playoff birth did not affect the Mules' mindset for their next match. With a win against Washington on Apr. 18, the Mules would be the third seed in the upcoming playoffs. Freshman Danielle Winston overcame leg cramps to win her match 7-6 (8-6), 6-1.

Druker also won her match in straight sets as the Mules edged Washington 5-4 to clinch the third seed. Their first playoff match is set for Fri., Apr. 25 against Swarthmore at Johns Hopkins.

The Men's Team lost both matches this past week. In doing so, they dropped their Centennial Conference finale and dropped their record to a respectable 8-6. On Tues., Apr. 15, the Mules were swept at home by Dickinson, 9-0. On Sat., Apr. 19, the Mules were able to scratch out only one victory, avoiding being swept by Gettysburg. Unfortunately, the Mules will have to wait till next year to earn a spot in the playoffs.



3 Fabulous Freshmen; Lindsey Schmidt (left), Danielle Winston (center) and Caitie Druker (right) form a young trio, which the Women's Tennis team can build around.



Muhlenberg Track and Field gears up for the Centennial Conference Championships

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

On Sat., Apr. 19, the Muhlenberg Track and Field Teams came storming into the Greyhound Invitational, hosted by Moravian. In the non-scoring meet, the Mules came out strong, breaking even more records than they already have. The spotlight was on junior David Chorney, though, as he set a new school record in his first-ever steeplechase. Chorney placed first with his time of 9:33.39, beating the previous school record by about 16 seconds from 2005.

Sophomore Brendan Kirk also is the new proud owner of a school record in the 400m hurdles, finishing seventh overall. Sophomore Jeremiah Lachaud had a big day, crossing the finish line in eighth place in the 200m dash, and freshman Bobby Torphy placed sixth in the 800m.

The Women's Team had a strong showing as well. Sophomore Debra Crockett placed third in the shot put and seventh in the discus, freshman Abby Simons finished fourth in the 1500 m, and sophomore Alex Faust placed seventh in the pole vault. Finally, the 4x100m relay team including freshman Lindsey Weidmann, junior Amanda Martini, senior Emily Karel, and junior Lucy Brock had an ECAC-qualifying race with a time of 52.10.

Coming up for the Track and Field Teams are the Lehigh Games on Sat., Apr. 26, and then they are off to the Centennial Conference Championships.



Junior David Chorney holds five Muhlenberg Track and Field records.

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Mules won 14-8. Brown finished the game with a career high five points.

On Sat., Apr. 19 the Mules hosted Montclair State on Senior Night. The home team did not disappoint on the special occasion. Montclair started hot by scoring four goals in the first quarter to take a 4-1 lead. The Red Hawks should have savored those four goals, because they wouldn't score anymore. The Mules formidable defense held the visitors scoreless the last 48:10 of the game.

Farris broke the school record for career goals in the third quarter with his game-tying tally. Delany would give the Mules the lead with an unassisted goal with 3:06 left in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter, juniors Andrew Lolley and Nick Fletcher scored goals only 25 seconds apart to complete the Mules' streak of six unanswered goals to end the game.

The Mules won 8-4 on one of the most memorable nights in Muhlenberg Lacrosse history. The national votes received were the first in the six years of Muhlenberg's lacrosse program. There is no doubt that Muhlenberg's young lacrosse program has far exceeded their expectations.

Their next game is Apr. 26 at Ursinus.

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Women's Lacrosse makes history

By Victoria Davis
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Women's Lacrosse seems to have no trouble breaking records this season. In their game against York on Thurs., Apr. 17, the ladies won their 11th game of the season, breaking the previous school record. However, the game was not only about team records; individual records were reset as well. Senior Taylor Armstrong notched four assists in the game, giving her the record with 44 on the season so far. Junior Ruth Morrongiello also hit a milestone, scoring her 100th career goal.

The game was close, though, and the nail biting was not lost among all the broken records. With 19:04 left to play, the game was locked at nine. In the end, though, the Mules were able to pull off the 16-12 road win, thanks in part to sophomore Amanda McGovern's team-high five goals. Morrongiello and sophomore Alyssa Bascelli each contributed a hat trick as well in the winning effort.

In the final game of the regular season, the Mules took on McDaniel. Morrongiello had five goals, junior Sara Hiller scored four, and freshman Rachael Godstein and McGovern netted a hat trick each. Unfortunately, it was not enough to take the win. Despite a strong effort, the Mules came up short and fell to McDaniel by a score of 22-19.

The end of the regular season did not mean the end of the road for the Mules. Even though they lost to McDaniel, they still managed to win the fifth seed thanks to their win over Ursinus and Ursinus' loss to Dickinson.

The Team's hard work certainly has paid off. Even though they ended their regular season on a tough note, the dedication they showed throughout the season has come back and rewarded them with a spot in the playoffs. It only seems fitting that they made it. After all, records are dropping like flies, and it was time for the playoff drought to go as well. Congratulations to the Women's Lacrosse Team for making it into the playoffs for the first time in school history!

Men's Lacrosse receives national attention

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With two wins this week, the Mules Men's Lacrosse Team improved their record to 8-4. But, more importantly, Muhlenberg received votes in the national lacrosse poll. The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association poll released on Apr. 21 contained Muhlenberg in the "others receiving votes" category. This marks a major milestone in Muhlenberg's lacrosse program history.

On Wed., Apr. 16, the Mules hosted FDU-Florham in the first of three consecutive non-conference home games. Coming in to the game, the Mules had won four games in a row and held a record of 6-4, one victory shy of tying a school record for wins in a sea-

son. Senior star Kyle Farris continued to climb up the Muhlenberg Lacrosse record books with his career high five goal performance. That gives him 28 goals on the year, one shy of the school record and the hat-trick was his sixth of the season, tying the school record.

The first half saw the Mules lose a four goal lead only to regain it by the end of the half. Goals by senior Mike Brown and sophomore Sean Delany extended the Mules lead to 9-5 at the end of the second quarter. Sophomore Paul Munday scored a power-play goal only 23 seconds into the second half to extend the Mule lead to 10-5. Farris scored two more goals in the half and the



Junior Ruth Morrongiello became only the seventh Mule in school history to score 100 goals.

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